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Above: Ribbons and posters are distributed at a rally for Navy Capt. Michael "Scott" Speicher in 2004. Speicher's remains were positively identified on Saturday. He was shot down over Iraq in 1991.

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## CUSTODY RIGHTS OVERSEAS

### American parents fight to reunite with children in Japan

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It's been six years, three weeks and one day since Navy Cmdr. Paul Toland last saw his only child, Erika — one of 118 Japanese-American children living in Japan and cut off from their American parents.

"I count every day," Toland said. "You can't lose track."

Toland's emotional tally began July 13, 2003, when he returned from work to discover his wife had surreptitiously moved out of their home in a Navy housing complex in Yokohama, Japan, taking Erika — just 9 months old at the time — with her.

Toland's estranged wife, a native of Japan who became a U.S. citizen during their marriage, moved to Tokyo and barred him from visiting his daughter.

Her actions likely would have resulted in felony kidnapping charges in the United States but were essentially protected by Japanese criminal and family laws, which do not recognize parental child abduction as a crime and do not acknowledge foreign custody orders.

But while Japanese nationals cannot be arrested for abducting their own children in Japan, foreigners in Japan would likely face criminal penalties if they attempted to take their children back, according to Jeremy Morely, a New York City-based attorney who has worked on parental

child abduction cases in Japan for more than a decade.

Toland, a medical administration officer now based in Bethesda, Md., is at the forefront of a growing international debate over parental child abduction in Japan. Even after his wife died in 2007, he has been unable to gain custody of or even see Erika, who now lives with her maternal grandmother.

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**Cmdr. Paul Toland attends the announcement of a new bill at the U.S. Capitol on July 16. The bill would make taking action in international custody disputes easier for the government.**

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**"If you want relevant results, you have to talk to those who are relevant. ... If you only have a partial reconciliation process, you will have partial results."**

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## Eyes from the sky



A crew chief with Company B, 3rd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, keeps position near a gunner's hatch as a CH-47 Chinook helicopter transports a 155mm howitzer Friday to a new base near the Afghan town of Spin Boldak, on the Pakistani border. Helicopters are playing an increasingly important role in southern Afghanistan, ferrying troops and supplies to remote bases, as more U.S. forces deploy to the region.

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## Pilot's remains found in Iraq desert

Speicher mystery ends after 18-year investigation

By PAULINE JELINEK  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The remains of the first American lost in the Gulf War have been found in Iraq, the military said Sunday, a sorrowful resolution of a nearly two-decade-old question about the fate of Navy pilot Capt. Michael "Scott" Speicher.

The Pentagon said the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology on Saturday positively identified the remains, buried in the desert and located after officials received new information from an Iraqi citizen about a crash.

Speicher's disappearance has bedeviled investigators since his fighter was shot down over the Iraq desert on the first night of the 1991 war.

The top Navy officer said the discovery is evidence of the military's commitment to bring its troops home. "Our Navy will never give up looking for a ship-

mate, regardless of how long or how difficult that search may be," said Adm. Gary Roughead, chief of Naval Operations.

Over the years, critics contended the Navy had not done enough, particularly right after the crash, to search for 33-year-old Speicher.

The Pentagon initially declared Speicher killed. But uncertainty — and the lack of remains — led officials over the years to change his status a number of times to "missing in action" and later "missing-captured." The family Speicher left behind, from outside Jacksonville, Fla., continued to press for the military to do more to resolve the case.

Family spokeswoman Cindy Laquidara said relatives learned on Saturday that Speicher's remains had been found.

"The family's proud of the way

the Defense Department continued on with our request" not to abandon the search, she said. "We will be bringing him home."

More than a decade after he was shot down in a combat mission, the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 finally gave investigators the chance to search inside Iraq. That led to a number of new leads, including the discovery of what some believed were the initials "MSS" scratched into the wall of an Iraqi prison.

The search also led investigators to excavate a potential grave site in Baghdad in 2005, track down Iraqis said to have information about Speicher and make numerous inquiries in what officials say was an exhaustive search.

Officials said Sunday that they got new information last month from an Iraqi citizen, prompting

Marines stationed in the western province of Anbar to visit a location in the desert that was believed to be the crash site of Speicher's FA-18 Hornet.

"One of these Iraqi citizens stated that they were present when Captain Speicher was found dead at the crash site by Bedouins and his remains buried," the Defense Department said in a statement.

The military recovered bones and multiple skeletal fragments and Speicher was positively identified by matching a jawbone and dental records, said Rear Adm. Frank Thorp.

While dental records have confirmed the remains to be those of Speicher, the pathology institute in Rockville, Md., is running DNA tests on the remains and comparing them with DNA reference samples provided by his family.

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# Custody: 'I'd never give up'

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At the heart of the issue is Japan's refusal to accede to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction of 1980. The treaty, which includes 81 countries as signatories, prevents parents from fleeing with their children to or within those countries before a court can determine custody. It protects rights of access for both parents and includes measures to safeguard victims of spousal and child abuse.

In May, the United States, the United Kingdom, France and Canada held a symposium in Tokyo and released a joint statement urging Japan to sign the Hague convention—the first such public declaration after decades of lobbying Japanese government officials behind the scenes.

But after nearly 30 years of multilateral diplomacy, Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., thinks a hard-line approach is now in order.

In July, Smith introduced the International Child Abduction Prevention Act of 2009, which would allow for economic sanctions against countries that refuse to take action in international child abduction cases.

"Japan is one of the most egregious abusers in this regard, and that's unacceptable," Smith said. "If we continue to allow this to happen, we will get much more of it because there will be impunity."

U.S. State Department reports show the number of open cases of parental abductions in Japan involving American children has doubled since last year, rising from 40 cases involving 50 children to 80 cases affecting 118 children. Most cases involve Japanese mothers and non-Japanese fathers whose breakup results in the mother keeping her children away from their father in Japan.

State Department officials agree the problem is getting worse as international marriages and divorces continue to rise and more parents report their cases to the department, but they contend Japan is moving toward taking action.

"They are beginning to recognize that this is an issue that sets Japan apart from [its closest allies]," said Michelle Bond, deputy assistant secretary for overseas citizens services at the State Department.

Japan is the only major industrialized nation not to have signed the treaty and is behind only Mexico and India in the number of parental child abduction cases involving American children, Bond said.

Japan's reluctance to sign the Hague treaty stems from its tradition of sole-custody divorces, Bond said, wherein one parent makes a complete and lifelong break from his or her children when a couple splits.

The parent who has physical custody at the time of divorce



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**A posterboard displays photos of Cmdr. Paul Toland's daughter, Erika, now 6. Toland was at the U.S. Capitol on July 16 attending the announcement of a new bill that will make taking action in international custody disputes easier for the government.**

## Bill would create support network for servicemembers in custody battles

The U.S. military would be required to establish an official support network for servicemembers whose children have been abducted overseas under an amendment added to the 2010 defense authorization bill last month.

Introduced by Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., the measure requires the Defense Department to establish a database to track cases and a system of uniform legal advice for troops regarding divorces from foreign nationals.

"They feel all alone. They're not at home, and their network is the military. There needs to be a robust effort to help them," Smith said. "From the top right on down the whole chain of command, they need to be advising these servicemembers. Sometimes they're getting bad advice."

The full bill must still go through a conference committee and be reapproved by the House and Senate before the amendment will become law.

Navy Cmdr. Paul Toland, who has been fighting for more than six years for custody rights to his daughter in Japan, said he initially received poor legal advice from a military attorney.

Shortly after his Japanese-American wife

moved out with their daughter, a military attorney at Yokosuka Naval Base, where he was stationed, advised him to pursue the case in Japanese court. The move resulted in a U.S. court later refusing to hear his custody case, citing Japanese jurisdiction.

"That advice doomed me in the end," Toland said. "That lack of knowledge really hurt me."

Though Japan does not recognize foreign custody orders, not having one has further complicated his efforts to see his daughter.

The State Department, which tracks and assists in cases of parental child abduction overseas, is working to improve its relationship with the military to provide better advice and assistance for troops.

Although the State Department does not track which cases involve servicemembers, many of the 50 open cases in Japan involve active-duty troops or former servicemembers who met their spouses while stationed in the country, said Michelle Bond, deputy assistant secretary for overseas citizens services at the State Department in Washington.

— Charlie Reed



Courtesy of Paul Toland

**Navy Cmdr. Paul Toland holds his daughter, Erika, at home in February 2003. Toland has not seen Erika, his only child, since July 2003.**



Courtesy of Rick Gates

**In this photograph from May 2005, Rick Gates, a civilian Department of Defense employee on Okinawa, plays with his children, Monami, left, who's now 8, and Kaito, now 6. Gates, who is fighting for custody of his children, has been barred by his ex-wife from visiting them for nearly a year.**

tends to keep the children, and police will not intervene in custody cases, Bond said.

In an interview with Stars and Stripes last month, Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman Yasumasa Kawamura said: "Japan fully recognizes that the Hague Convention is one of the most ef-

fective tools to protect children's rights and well-being."

But a gap exists between "what the treaty requires and Japan's social expectations based on Japan's family relationship and legal system," he said.

The current system isn't working for Rick Gates, a civilian De-

partment of Defense employee at Naha Port on Okinawa and a former Marine who first came to Japan on assignment in 1994. Gates, 38, has not been allowed to visit his two children, both American citizens, in almost a year despite having a Japanese custody order

for his oldest daughter, Monami, 8.

Soon after his divorce in early 2008, Gates said, he and his Japanese wife decided to reconcile. Though he got custody of Monami during the proceedings, he allowed her to stay with his ex-wife and his son, Kaito, 6.

"I didn't want to split the children up," he said. "I had every belief that we were going to restore our marriage, so I didn't push the issue of getting my daughter turned over to me."

But within a few months, Gates said, his ex-wife changed her mind about reconciling and eventually stopped him from visiting his children or even speaking to them on the phone.

Like Toland, Gates has worked with the State Department to have a third-party mediator from the embassy check on the status of his children in what is referred to as a "welfare and whereabouts visit." Both Toland and Gates hope political pressure from Capitol Hill will finally help turn the tide in Japan.

But Morely, the New York City attorney, said congressional efforts could backfire.

"American pressure can very well be counterproductive," Morely said. "If Japan sees the world community upset with them, that will be better than the perception that the American government is trying to bully them."

He argues that continued diplomacy is key to not only persuade Japan to sign the Hague treaty but also to change its family legal system, which is crucial if the treaty is to function properly.

"As soon as they sign it, they'll be in violation of it," he said. "That's why they haven't signed it; they're not set up for it."

In many cases, "taking" parents can be arrested if they leave Japan and they often live in fear that their children will be kidnapped back from them, Morely said.

"Not signing is hurting a lot of Japanese mothers, and that fact is not yet understood in Japan," he said. "It's detrimental. It forces the Japanese mother never to leave the country."

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children knows of no successful return of a child from Japan to the United States as a result of civil litigation or criminal proceedings, said Maura Harty, senior policy director for the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children. The two groups are sister organizations.

"We hope the government of Japan will hear the collective arguments and cases being made by the international community ... and modify its domestic law," as well as become a signatory to the Hague treaty, Harty said.

Meanwhile, like scores of other parents whose children have been spirited away in Japan, Toland is essentially powerless. Still, he said, he has spent hundreds of hours in Japanese and U.S. courts and nearly \$200,000 in legal fees and other expenses.

"I'm not giving up on this," said Toland, 42, who is now engaged and helping raise his fiancée's teenage son. "I'd never give up on this. I'd never give up on my own daughter."

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# Study: Army missteps left troops open to Wanat attack

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SEATTLE — In the days before one of the fiercest battles in America's eight-year war in Afghanistan, Army Capt. Benjamin Pry argued for more surveillance flights to help his beleaguered unit of fewer than 50 soldiers.

Since moving into a new outpost on July 8, 2008, they had struggled with shortages of water, fuel, food and heavy machinery to help defend against an enemy attack that they believed would eventually come. Lacking excavating equipment, the troops dug fortifications by scraping the rocky soil with spades and bare hands.

Then on July 12, headquarters commanders diverted drones to another area. Pry argued so hard to undo that decision that he said he breached professional etiquette. Still, he was unsuccessful.

"We had no support from brigade, division or theater level assets at the time," Pry told Army historians in a study obtained by The Seattle Times.

That study, written by historian Douglas Cubbison of the U.S. Army Combat Studies Institute at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., documented missteps that preceded some of the bloodiest combat for American troops in Afghanistan.

Early in the morning of July 13, the outpost at the village of Wanat came under assault from some 200 enemy troops. The attack claimed the lives of nine Army soldiers — including Cpl. Jason Bogar, 25, of Seattle — and wounded 27 others, precipitating the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the valley.

The 254-page unreleased study challenges the Army's official battle investigation, which had concluded that leaders displayed "sound military analysis" and that no blame could be placed on commanders.

Cubbison noted suspect decisions by commanders, who allowed an understaffed platoon to plant itself in hostile territory without adequate support.

In the Wanat battle study, Cubbison concluded that:

- No senior commander visited Wanat before establishing it as an outpost, and it was "highly questionable" whether these commanders exercised due diligence when they ordered a platoon to move there.

- The lack of heavy equipment to fortify defenses and the lack of intelligence support directly contributed to the casualties suffered last July 13.

The Army institute is a military think tank that helps evaluate Army capabilities and operations.

Cubbison noted that some soldiers who



Courtesy of the U.S. Army

**Above: First Lt. Jonathan Brostrom leads a foot patrol through a village near Camp Blessing, Afghanistan, on June 22, 2008. Three weeks later, Brostrom would be one of nine soldiers from "Chosen Company" to die in Wanat. Top: Three Silver Stars and three Bronze Star Medals with "V" devices wait to be presented to soldiers from Company C for their efforts during the July 13, 2008, battle.**

stepped forward to talk did so at the "risk of being professionally censured."

Army officials say the study is far from finished. They described it as a working paper that is not yet even a draft. "It's not done," Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, an Army spokesman at the Pentagon, told The Seattle Times on Thursday.

A spokesman for the Army institute confirmed that the study was not yet complete.

## 'Chosen Company'

They called themselves "Chosen Company," and their informal mascot was a Marvel Comics figure known as The Punisher, a lone soldier who took jobs nobody else would do.

Based out of Italy, Company C was part of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Command Team and had earned a reputation as a savvy, combat-hardened unit of paratroopers.

Bogar joined the Washington National Guard in 2000 and then became caught up in military life. He served in Iraq, assisted in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and then went to Afghanistan. After returning, he joined the active-duty Army with the belief that the military would send him to film school, according to his mother.

Instead, he ended up in Afghanistan.

In June 2007, the company was sent to the Waigal Valley, a remote, rugged corner of eastern Afghanistan that hosted insurgent groups.

The company had three platoons, but only two of them were sent to the valley. Cubbison wrote that those two platoons were overextended as they tried to staff

Spartan outposts.

Early on, they faced tough fighting. Soldiers were involved in hand-to-hand combat in August 2007 as insurgents tried to overrun one of the outposts.

An incident in January 2008 was a blow to both troop morale and attempts to cooperate with Afghan forces.

Platoon leader Sgt. Matthew Kahler was killed by an Afghan soldier who leaned out of a bunker, fired a shot and then fled. After an investigation, the killing was ruled an accident.

But soldiers in the platoon believed that it was deliberate, according to the study and Bogar's diary entry obtained by The Seattle Times.

"He (Kahler) walked up stating loudly we are Americans," Bogar wrote. "But (he) was still shot in the head."

Kahler's death was followed by a period of intense warfare that continued through the summer of 2008.

On July 4, a U.S. attack near Bella inflamed the local communities against the Americans, according to the study. A convoy of pickups was speeding away from an area that was the source of hostile fire. U.S. Apache helicopters fired on the trucks, killing 17, including doctors, nurses and staff of a local health clinic.

It was unclear what happened. Capt. Pry, the company intelligence officer, believed insurgents had forced their way onto the convoy. Still, for the enemy it was a propaganda victory.

The anger over the death of civilians, valley resident Sami Nurstani said, led to the attack nine days later on Wanat.

On the evening of July 8, 2008, soldiers began arriving at Wanat.

An Afghan construction company had been hired to build up the defenses with heavy equipment. But that company never showed up, so there were shortages of equipment and supplies for such crucial tasks, according to the study.

## The attack

The attack began at about 4 a.m., led by a volley of rocket-propelled grenades that targeted key defenses and rendered the unit's mortars ineffective. The gravest situation was at an observation post manned by Bogar and eight others who came under a withering onslaught.

"This first round of explosions was devastatingly accurate, and everybody in the OP (observation post) was immediately wounded, stunned or both," wrote Cubbison.

Pfc. Sergio Abad was mortally wounded at the start of the attack in the mortar pit. Spc. Tyler Stafford suffered searing burns and shrapnel wounds as he was blown out of his machine-gun position. Stafford ended up next to Spc. Matthew Phillips. He watched Phillips throw a grenade and then get knocked down, mortally wounded.

Stafford then crawled to a hole where Bogar was firing an automatic weapon perched atop a sandbag. Bogar fired hundreds of rounds until his weapon became jammed. Then he tended to Stafford's wounds.

"He saw how bad my arm was bleeding and he grabbed a tourniquet and put it on my arm," Stafford told The Seattle Times.

Sgt. Ryan Pitts also had been wounded, by a rocket-propelled grenade. Bogar tied a tourniquet around Pitts' leg.

Bogar then ventured to another part of the observation post to use another machine gun.

Platoon leader 1st Lt. Jonathan Brostrom and Cpl. Jason Hovater arrived at the observation post to reinforce the soldiers. By that time, the insurgents had breached the perimeter.

Stafford and Pitts survived the battle. Bogar, Brostrom and Hovater were eventually killed.

While insurgents penetrated the concertina wire, they never took control of the outpost.

After several hours of fighting, the battle turned as American helicopter gunships strafed enemy positions, bombers dropped their loads and more troops were sent in.

By the end of the battle, 75 percent of the U.S. troops were wounded or dead.

Stars and Stripes reporter Steve Mraz contributed to this story.

# 6 U.S. deaths in 2 days grim start to month

## 3 American troops killed in attack on patrol in eastern Afghanistan

By DREW BROWN  
Stars and Stripes

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Nine NATO troops, including six Americans, were killed in Afghanistan over the weekend, according to military officials, a grim start to a month that follows the bloodiest 30-day period for foreign forces in the country since the war began nearly eight years ago.

Three American soldiers were killed Sunday in eastern Afghanistan when a bomb struck their patrol and insurgents attacked them with small-arms fire. The three soldiers died in the engagement, said Lt. Cmdr. Christine Sidenstricker, a U.S. military spokesperson in Kabul.

Two Canadian troops were killed Saturday when their patrol was struck by two bombs in volatile Zhari district, west of Kandahar Airfield, the main NATO base in southern Afghanistan, Brig. Gen. Jonathan Vance, commander of the Canada-led Task Force Kandahar, said Sunday.

The Canadian soldiers died the same day that three other U.S. troops were killed in a bomb explosion elsewhere in Kandahar province and a French soldier died in an attack north of Kabul.

The fatal attacks continue a bleak trend that began last month, when 75 troops — 43 of them Americans — were killed in Afghanistan, making July the deadliest month for foreign forces since the U.S.-led invasion in 2001.

More than half of those deaths were from bomb attacks, and nearly three-quarters of them have occurred in southern Afghanistan, where NATO-led forces have launched several large ongoing operations against Taliban insurgents, including massive offensives by U.S. Marines and British forces in Helmand province.

Despite the sharp rise in NATO deaths, Vance said troops were not failing in their mission.

"Yesterday alone, Task Force Kandahar conducted successful operations in securing suicide vests and seizing the contents of

two major [bomb] factories that were obviously destined to find their way to Kandahar, maybe even to be used on election day," he said.

As Canadian forces held a ceremony Sunday to send their two fallen soldiers home, four U.S. medevac helicopters landed at Kandahar Airfield and offloaded several wounded soldiers, a reminder that even as NATO troops mourned their losses, casualties continued in the field.

There are currently about 100,000 foreign soldiers in Afghanistan, including 66,000 Americans, and those forces have stepped up operations against the Taliban and other militants in advance of the Aug. 20 presidential election, only the second such vote in the country's turbulent history.

Last Thursday, Taliban leaders urged Afghans to boycott the election, and called on its fighters to block roads to prevent people from voting, the Associated Press and other agencies reported.

Nearly 240 foreign soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan so far this year, according to icasualties.org, putting 2009 on track to be the bloodiest for international forces since the war began.

Last year, 294 international soldiers lost their lives in Afghanistan, according to the Web site, and violence has risen steadily every year since 2003.

The United States has lost at least 136 soldiers so far this year, followed by the United Kingdom with 54 deaths and Canada with 19 deaths, according to the icasualties.org site.

On Friday, the United Nations said that the number of civilians killed in the war has also escalated, rising by 24 percent during the first half of 2009 compared to the same period last year.

According to the U.N., at least 1,013 civilians died during the first six months of this year, compared to 818 during the same period in 2008. Taliban attacks were responsible for at least 595 of those deaths, the U.N. said.

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**Top:** Canadian soldiers at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, carry the flag-draped coffins of two comrades Sunday to begin the final journey home. **Above:** Tears stream down the face of a Canadian soldier during the ceremony. At least nine NATO soldiers, including six Americans, were killed in Afghanistan this weekend.

# Car bomb at Anbar market kills at least 5, injures dozens

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — An explosives-laden car parked near an outdoor market exploded Sunday in a mainly Sunni area in western Iraq, killing at least five people and wounding 34, police said, raising concern that sectarian violence could resurge now that U.S. troops have pulled out of major Iraqi urban areas.

The attack came as Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite, was visiting the self-ruled Kurdish region in northern Iraq for talks with Kurdish leaders over a range of issues that have long poisoned relations, like control of oil and territory.

Al-Maliki recently said in Washington

that differences between the Kurds and the rest of Iraq were among the most dangerous challenges facing his country and that they must be resolved by constitutional means, not by force.

On Sunday, he met with recently re-elected regional President Massoud Barzani, Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, a Kurd, and other Kurdish officials.

But Sunday's bombing — coming two days after 29 people were killed in blasts in Baghdad — demonstrated that Iraq continues to be volatile elsewhere as well and raised concerns about the abilities of Iraqi forces to protect the people as U.S. troops prepare to withdraw by the end of 2011.

A police officer said the explosives-laden

car was parked near sidewalk vendors at an outdoor market in Haditha, a city on the Euphrates 140 miles northwest of Baghdad. The officer gave the casualty toll on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information.

Haditha is in Anbar province, which was one of the most dangerous areas in Iraq until Sunni tribal leaders joined forces with the U.S. military to fight al-Qaida in Iraq.

The attack Sunday follows a series of blasts in the capital Baghdad over the past few days.

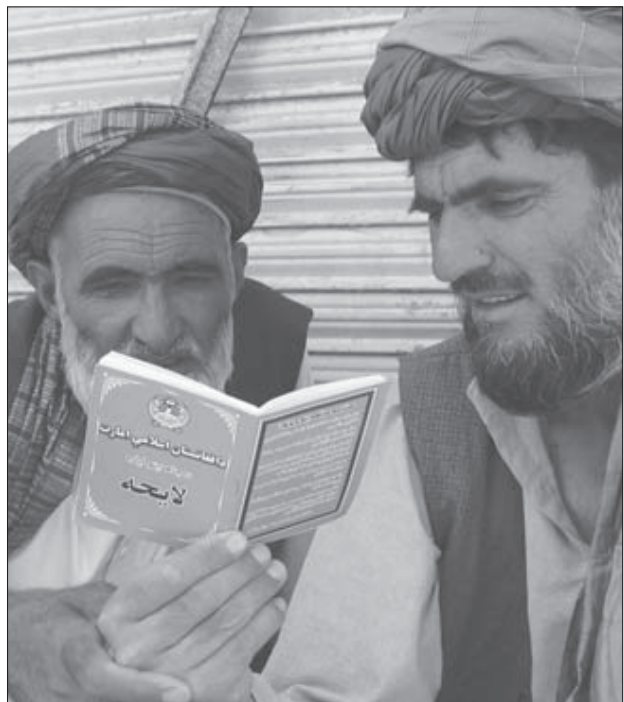
A bomb hidden inside a toilet struck a Sunni mosque south of Baghdad on Saturday, wounding two people, according to Iraqi police. A series of bombings targeted

Shiite mosques a day earlier during Friday prayers in Baghdad, killing at least 29 people and injuring more than 100.

U.S. officials have warned they expect insurgents to try to re-ignite sectarian violence, which pushed the country to the brink of civil war in 2006 and 2007. Violence has dropped sharply following a U.S. troop surge in 2007, a Sunni revolt against al-Qaida in Iraq and a Shiite militia cease-fire.

U.S. officials have said they were optimistic that Shiite groups would exercise restraint in the face of Sunni attacks targeting their community. Bombings blamed on Sunni insurgents have often in the past been followed by mortar attacks and execution-style retaliatory killings.





SHAH KHALID/AP

**Pakistani Pastun men read a copy of the Taliban code of conduct on Friday in Chaman, along the Afghanistan border. The code pledges to limit civilian attacks and curb suicide bombings. Civilian casualties have been high in recent attacks. U.N. officials have called for formal talks with Taliban leaders.**

## Top U.N. official calls for talks with Taliban leaders

By FISNIK ABRASHI  
The Associated Press

KABUL — The top U.N. official in Afghanistan called Sunday for talks with Taliban leaders at the highest level, another indication that parts of the international community are reaching out to the top echelons of the radical Islamist movement.

Kai Eide did not name Taliban leader Mullah Omar in his call for negotiations, but he dismissed plans that call for reaching out to only some militant commanders.

"If you want relevant results, you have to talk to those who are relevant. If you want important results, you have to talk to those who are important. If you only have a partial reconciliation process, you will have partial results," said Eide, a Norwegian diplomat who heads the United Nations mission to Afghanistan.

While the need for talks with the Taliban is recognized across the international community, the conditions attached to such proposals — and the timing of the talks — are a bone of contention.

President Hamid Karzai, facing a re-election challenge later this month, has repeatedly called for talks with Taliban leaders on condition that the militants accept Afghanistan's constitution. Karzai has even personally guaranteed safe passage for Omar if he attends such talks.

Omar, who is believed to be hiding out in Pakistan, has publicly dismissed the overtures, calling Karzai an American puppet and saying no talks can happen while foreign troops are in the country.

But behind the public posturing, several Gulf countries are working on sketching out the con-

ditions of a political process that could bring an end to the conflict. The war is claiming a record number of lives among U.S. and NATO troops and Afghan civilians nearly eight years after the U.S. invaded the nation and ousted the Taliban from power.

The Taliban government — led by Omar — was sheltering Osama bin Laden as he plotted the al-Qaida attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Eide's remarks follow calls made last week by David Miliband, the British foreign secretary, for talks with regular Taliban fighters.

Miliband said that while hard-line fundamentalist commanders committed to a global jihad must be pursued relentlessly, ordinary rank-and-file Taliban should be given the opportunity "to leave the path of confrontation with the government."

He said Afghanistan's government must develop "a political strategy for dealing with the insurgency through reintegration and reconciliation" and "effective grass-roots initiatives to offer an alternative to fight or flight to the foot soldiers of the insurgency."

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Washington agrees with the British analysis of the way forward.

Eide said that his approach is more comprehensive.

"If you do want a comprehensive peace process, it is not enough to talk to the commanders on the ground," Eide said.

"It is a political process, and I think you also have to approach the more political structures of the insurgency movement," he said without naming any insurgent leaders.

# Iraq coalition wraps up as Britain, Australia withdraw

By CHELSEA J. CARTER  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The war in Iraq was truly an American-only effort Saturday after Britain and Australia, the last of its international partners, pulled out.

Little attention was paid in Iraq to what effectively ended the so-called coalition of the willing, with the U.S. — as the leader of Multi-National Force—Iraq — letting the withdrawals pass without any public demonstration.

The quiet end of the coalition was a departure from its creation, which saw then-U.S. President George W. Bush court countries for support before and after the March 2003 invasion.

"We're grateful to those partners who contributed in the past and we look forward to working with them in the future," military spokesman Army Lt. Col. Mark Ballesteros told The Associated Press in an e-mail.

At its height, the coalition numbered about 300,000 soldiers from 38 countries: 250,000 from the United States, about 40,000 from Britain, and the rest ranging from 2,000 Australians to 70 Albanians.

But most of the United States' traditional European allies, those who supported actions in Afghanistan and the previous Iraq war, sat it out.

It effectively ended last week with Friday's departure of Australian troops and the expiration of the mandate for the tiny remaining British contingent after Iraq's parliament adjourned without agreeing to allow the troops to stay to protect southern oil ports and train Iraqi troops.

The U.S. military, though, said the withdrawals did not mean it was going it alone in Iraq.

"We haven't lost our international partners. Rather, there are representatives from around the world here in various capacities such as NATO, military advisers, law enforcement and construction workers," said Army Col. John R. Robinson, a military spokesman at the U.S. headquarters outside Baghdad.

Australia's military commander in the Middle East, Maj. Gen. Mark Kelly, said Friday the last 12 Australian soldiers who had been embedded with U.S. units were flown out of Baghdad on Tuesday, three days ahead of the deadline.

A security detachment of about 100 soldiers will remain to protect embassy personnel.

Britain withdrew its remaining 100 to 150 mostly Navy personnel to Kuwait, though was hopeful they might return.

"We are exploring with the Iraqi Government the possibility of resuming some or all of our planned naval activity in advance of ratification," the British Defense Ministry said in a statement released Saturday.

The coalition had a troubled history and began to crumble within months of the U.S.-led invasion, as many countries faced political and social unrest over an unpopular war.

Critics said the tiny contingents that partnered with the coalition, such as Estonia, Albania and Romania, gave the U.S. token international support for the invasion.

Mass protests were held in many countries, including Spain, which was one of the most notable withdrawals from the coalition.

## U.K. lawmakers: Focus on Afghan security

By RAPHAEL G. SATTER  
The Associated Press

LONDON — Britain should abandon its anti-drug role in Afghanistan and focus on securing the country against the Taliban insurgency, a group of U.K. lawmakers said Sunday.

Britain, along with the United States, is one of the leading contributors to the international campaign to eradicate Afghanistan's opium crop. But nearly 160 million pounds (\$267 million) were spent on its counter-narcotics role between 2004 and 2008, to little effect.

Britain also supplies the second-highest number of troops to NATO's military campaign against the Taliban. Its 9,000-strong contingent has taken heavy casualties in the past month.

Lawmakers on the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee say Britain does not have the resources to shoulder both burdens at once.

"We recommend that in the immediate future the government should refocus its efforts to concentrate its limited resources on one priority, namely security," the committee said in a published report.

Britain's armed forces minister said the committee's report "wildly overstates" the amount of energy Britain puts into fighting drugs, saying the British military was overwhelmingly focused on security.

"It has always been about se-

### Report: U.K. warns bulging soldiers

LONDON — British soldiers are getting so fat it's putting lives at risk, according to a leaked memo from the army's physical training corps published in a Sunday newspaper.

The Observer said an emergency memo sent to all units of the British army earlier this month warned that an increasing number of soldiers had become so fat they couldn't be deployed to conflict zones and urged commanders to focus on physical fitness.

The army "has not consistently maintained our standards of physical fitness" and needs to "reinvigorate a warrior ethos

and a culture of being fit," the newspaper quoted the July 10 memo as saying.

The Ministry of Defence offered no direct comment on The Observer's report but it did not dispute its accuracy. The ministry said only that commanders had been told to ensure that all units were following the physical fitness policy.

The newspaper said the memo warned that an increasing number of British soldiers were being classified as "personnel unfit to deploy," putting operations and lives at risk in places such as Afghanistan, where British forces are grappling with Taliban rebels in brutal conditions.

From The Associated Press

curity," Bill Rammell told Sky News television's "Sunday Live" program.

Questions about Britain's role in Afghanistan have come to the fore as U.K. and U.S. forces take the offensive against a resurgent Taliban, sparking intense fighting.

The British military suffered 22 fatalities in July, its bloodiest month since the invasion of Afghanistan in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Britain's political opposition has accused the government of sending troops into combat without proper equipment and air support. Others have questioned whether the U.K. even belongs in

Afghanistan at all.

The Foreign Affairs Committee said there could be "no question" of abandoning Afghanistan. Its chairman, Mike Gapes, said the international community needed to show "that it intends to outlast the insurgency and remain in Afghanistan until the Afghan authorities are able take control."

But the report said the international effort to put Afghanistan back on its feet had faltered.

Progress on police reform has been "disappointingly slow," the effort to create an independent judiciary was a failure and there has been "virtually no tangible progress" on tackling corruption, according to the report.

## IN THE WORLD

## Pakistan charges cleric who brokered Swat deal

By ASIF SHAHZAD  
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistani police lodged criminal charges against a cleric who helped negotiate a peace deal with the Swat Valley Taliban, accusing him Sunday of aiding terrorism, sedition and conspiring against the government, a police said.

Sajid Mohmand, the Swat police chief, said the case against Sufi Muhammad was lodged in a police station in the valley, where Pakistani troops still skirmish



Muhammad

expected in the coming days.  
The peace deal the cleric helped

with militants even though they are winding down an offensive launched three months ago.

Muhammad is to be formally charged by a court, a move

negotiate imposed Islamic law in the valley, which the U.S. had warned could turn the region into a safe haven for insurgents. But the pact collapsed in mid-April after Taliban militants infiltrated a district south of Swat, and the military moved back in.

Muhammad, father-in-law of Swat's notorious Swat Taliban leader Maulana Fazlullah, was detained last Sunday.

The case against him could indicate Pakistan is moving away from its past willingness to ne-

gotiate with militants, but it also could be a way to pressure Muhammad to reveal any information he has about the location of the Swat Valley Taliban's leaders, who have evaded capture despite the military offensive.

The charges in the complaint against Muhammad stem from comments he made during an April speech in which he condemned democracy and elections and said Pakistan's constitution was un-Islamic.

The speech revolted many people in Pakistan, leaving even

some hard-line Islamist political party leaders silent, and it was considered to be an important factor in shifting public opinion against the Taliban.

Pakistan's government relied heavily on Muhammad's contacts with the Taliban in the Swat area to try to achieve a peace agreement earlier this year.

Muhammad mobilized thousands of volunteers to fight in Afghanistan after the U.S.-led invasion in 2001. He was jailed in 2002 but was freed last year after renouncing violence.

## Rival sides criticize Iran's opposition trial

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — A conservative who ran in Iran's disputed

election and a former president allied with the opposition criticized the government's prosecution of opposition supporters, saying those who killed protesters must be brought to justice.

Conservatives have increasingly joined reformists in criticizing the government's response to the unrest that followed the June 12 election as allegations have surfaced of violent abuse against opposition supporters detained by authorities.

Mohsen Rezaei, who was the only conservative challenger to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in the election, sent a letter to the head of Iran's judiciary demanding the government put people on trial who attacked opposition supporters and tortured detainees. He said the trial must include those responsible for the death of the son of one of his top aides.

"Otherwise, justice will not be realized and it is possible that unrest will not end," said Rezaei, according to a report posted on his Web site Sunday, after Iran began its first trial against activists and protesters following the election.

While Rezaei focused on the

need for a parallel trial for those who attacked protesters and detainees, former President Mohammad Khatami criticized the current proceeding as a sham that would further erode confidence in the ruling Islamic establishment.

Khatami said he hoped the "show" trial of more than 100 people, including his former vice president, that started Saturday would not "lead to ignorance of the real crimes" carried out by authorities following the election.

At least 30 people were killed in the unrest that followed the election as hundreds of thousands of opposition supporters took to the streets to protest Ahmadinejad's victory, according to Iran's parliament. Human rights groups believe the number is likely far greater, and at least one person, Mohsen Rouhalamini, has died in detention.

Mohsen is the son of Rezaei's top aide, Abdolhossein Rouhalamini. He was arrested at a July 9 protest and taken to a hospital two weeks later where he died within hours. Reformist Web sites said his jaw was broken when his father received his body.

## Plague kills 1 in China; 11 others infected

BEIJING — Thousands of people have been placed under quarantine in a town in northwest China after a man died of pneumonic plague and 11 others were confirmed infected with the deadly lung infection, health authorities said.

The 32-year-old herdsman died in Ziketian in Qinghai province, the provincial health bureau said in a statement posted on its Web site Saturday. It did not say when he died.

Pneumonic plague is spread through the air and can be passed from person to person through coughing, according to the World Health Organization. It is caused by the same bacteria that occurs in bubonic plague — the Black Death that killed an estimated 25 million people in Europe during the Middle Ages.

From The Associated Press

## Swiss seek confirmation on 3 missing Americans

The Associated Press

BERN, Switzerland — Swiss diplomats are trying to find out what happened to three Americans reportedly captured in Iran, the Foreign Ministry said Sunday.

The Swiss Embassy in Tehran is working to learn more about the Americans' fate through its contacts with the Iranian Foreign Ministry, said spokeswoman Nadine Olivieri.

Iran state TV says Iranian guards detained the three U.S. tourists Friday after they allegedly crossed the border from northern Iraq.

Switzerland has represented U.S. interests in Iran since American diplomats were taken hostage at the embassy in Tehran 30 years ago, and the State Department has said it asked the country to intervene in this case.

Swiss diplomats have asked for consular access to the Americans if their presence in Iran is confirmed, she said.

Iran's state owned Arabic-language al-Alam TV station cited a "well-informed source" in the Interior Ministry as saying the three American hikers were detained Friday.

## EXCHANGE RATES

## Military rates

Japanese yen (Aug. 3)	93.00
South Korean won (Aug. 3)	1,200.00
Euro costs (Aug. 3)	\$1.4482
Dollar buys (Aug. 3)	€ 0.6905
British pound (Aug. 3)	\$1.69

## Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.6493
Canada (Dollar)	1.0808
China (Yuan)	6.8323
Denmark (Krone)	5.2274
Egypt (Pound)	5.5630
Euro	\$1.4251/0.7017
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7503
Hungary (Forint)	187.93
Israel (Shekel)	3.8139
Japan (Yen)	95.29
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2871
Norway (Krone)	6.1821
Philippines (Peso)	47.94
Poland (Zloty)	2.93
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4402
South Korea (Won)	1,246.00
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0683
Thailand (Baht)	33.98
Turkey (New Lira)	1.4803
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

## PRECIOUS METALS

## New York Merc close

Gold	\$953.30
Silver	\$13.985

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.17
30-year bond	4.30

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

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# Police search for gay club gunman in Tel Aviv

By JEN THOMAS  
The Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — Hundreds of police officers scoured the streets of Tel Aviv on Sunday in a manhunt for a gunman who shot and killed two people at a youth club in the worst ever attack on homosexuals in Israel.

Meanwhile, members of the country's gay community and their supporters rallied Sunday in the heart of Tel Aviv. Protesters with rainbow flags mourned the victims and condemned the homophobic sentiment assumed to be behind the attack.

The Tel Aviv shooting shocked the Mediterranean city, which prides itself on its live-and-let-

live attitude and boasts a thriving gay community. The brazen attack drew condemnations from the city's mayor, from Cabinet ministers, the country's chief rabbi and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"We'll bring him to justice and exercise the full extent of the law against him," Netanyahu said of the killer, speaking at the Israeli Cabinet's weekly meeting.

A masked man entered the center for gay teens in downtown Tel Aviv late Saturday night, pulled out a pistol and opened fire, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said. The shooter then concealed his weapon and fled the scene on foot into the busy streets outside the center, Rosenfeld said.

The dead were identified as a 26-year-old man who was a counselor at the center and a 17-year-old girl. Eleven people were wounded, four of them seriously.

Photographs of the scene showed bodies lying near a billiard table and a smear of blood on the white-tile floor.

Jonathan Bower, 23, said he had been at the club before the attack and was outside when the shots began.

"One of my friends came out shouting and screaming 'he has a gun, he has a gun,'" he said.

Nitzan Horowitz, Israel's only openly gay lawmaker, called the attack a "hate crime."



ARIEL SCHALIT/AP

Police officers and a rescue team work at the site of a shooting attack in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Saturday. Israeli police say a gunman entered a gay club and sprayed the interior, killing two and injuring 11.

## 2 works by Mozart found in Austria

By VERONIKA OLEKSYN  
The Associated Press

SALZBURG, Austria — Mozart's momentous legacy grew Sunday as researchers unveiled two piano pieces recently identified as childhood creations by the legendary composer.

The works — an extensive concerto movement and a fragmentary prelude — are part of "Nannerl's Music Book," a well-known manuscript that contains the Austrian master's earliest compositions, the International Mozarteum Foundation revealed while presenting the pieces in Mozart's native Salzburg.

"We have here the first orchestral movement by the young Mozart — even though the orchestral parts are missing — and therefore it's an extremely important missing link in our understanding of Mozart's development as a young composer, Mozarteum's research leader Ulrich Leisinger said.

Mozart, who was born in 1756, began playing the keyboard at age 3 and compos-



KERSTIN JOENSSON/AP

Sheet music recently identified as part of a childhood creation by Mozart. Mozart's momentous legacy grew Sunday as researchers unveiled two piano pieces by the legendary composer.

ing at 5.

Before his death from rheumatoid fever on Dec. 5, 1791, he had written more than 600 pieces.

Leisinger said Mozart likely wrote the two newly attributed pieces when he was between 7 and 8 years old, with his father, Leopold, transcribing the notes as his son played them at the keyboard.

A series of analyses confirmed the writing as Leopold's, and at the time Mozart was not yet versed in musical notation. But Leopold himself was ruled out as the author of the pieces based on stylistic scrutiny, the Mozarteum said in a statement.

"There are obvious discrepancies between the technical virtuosity and a certain lack of compositional experience," it said.

At Sunday's presentation, Austrian musician Florian Birsak, an expert for early keyboard music, played the two pieces on Mozart's own fortepiano for reporters.

Both works were identified as part of a larger investigation of the foundation's Mozart-related materials, including letters, documents and more than 100 music manuscripts — some in the hand of the composer, others transcribed by contemporaries.

While "Nannerl's Music Book" has been in the foundation's hands for more than a century, the pieces were considered anonymous creations — until Leisinger and his team took a closer look.

"These two pieces struck us because they were so extravagant," Leisinger said, adding that the two works share a number of similarities but that the prelude — believed to have been written after the concerto movement — was "much more refined."

Posthumous discoveries of Mozart pieces are rare — but not unheard of.

In September, Leisinger announced that a French library had found another previously unknown piece of music handwritten by Mozart.

That work, described as the preliminary draft of a musical composition, was found in Nantes in western France as library staff members were going through its archives.

Leisinger says the library contacted his foundation for help authenticating the work.

The Salzburg-based foundation, established in 1880 and a prime source for Mozart-related matters, seeks to preserve the composer's heritage and find new approaches for analyzing him.

## Military ignored signs of violence in Nigeria

By KATHARINE HOURELD  
The Associated Press

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — Nigerian authorities ignored dozens of warnings about a violent Islamist sect until it attacked police stations and government buildings last week in a bloodbath that killed more than 700 people, Muslim clerics and an army official said.

More than 50 Muslim leaders repeatedly called Nigeria's police, local authorities and state security to urge them to take action against Boko Haram sect militants but their pleas were ignored, Imam Ibrahim Ahmed Abdullahi said.

He spoke Saturday to The Associated Press along with several other Muslim scholars in the battle-ravaged city of Maiduguri.

"A lot of imams tried to draw the attention of the government," Abdullahi said, drawing nods from scholars sitting with him in a Maiduguri slum. "We used to

call the government and security agents to say that these people must be stopped from what they are doing because it must bring a lot of trouble."

On July 26, militants from the sect attacked a police station in Bauchi state, triggering a wave of militant violence that spread to three other northern states. Nigerian authorities retaliated five days later by storming the group's sprawling Maiduguri headquarters, killing at least 100 people in the attack, half of them inside the sect's mosque.

About 700 people were killed in days of violence last week in Maiduguri alone, according to Col. Ben Ahanotu, the military official in charge of a local anti-crime operation.

The imams were not the only ones to raise the alarm. Ahanotu said he recommended several times action be taken against the group but received no orders to do so.



SUNDAY ALAMBA/AP

A man walks past a burnt-out car and a damaged building on Saturday in Maiduguri, Nigeria. Banks and markets reopened in this northern Nigerian city after five days of fierce fighting.



## IN THE STATES



AP

The Obama administration might propose creating a courtroom-within-a-prison complex in the U.S. to house suspected terrorists, combining military and civilian detention facilities. Several senior U.S. officials said the administration might place the new facility at a closing state maximum-security prison in Michigan or the military penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., shown above in January 2008.

# Catch-all prison being discussed, U.S. officials say

BY LARA JAKES  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is looking at creating a courtroom-within-a-prison complex in the U.S. to house suspected terrorists, combining military and civilian detention facilities at a single maximum-security prison.

Several senior U.S. officials said the administration is eyeing a soon-to-be-shuttered state maximum security prison in Michigan and the 134-year-old military penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., as possible locations for a heavily guarded site to hold the 229 suspected al-Qaida, Taliban and foreign fighters now jailed at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

The officials outlined the plans — the latest effort to comply with President Barack Obama's order to close the prison camp by Jan. 22, and satisfy congressional and public fears about incarcerating terror suspects on American soil — on condition of anonymity because the options are under review.

White House spokesman Ben LaBolt said Friday that no decisions have been made about the proposal. But the White House considers the courtroom-prison complex as the best among a series of bad options, an administration official said.

The facility would operate as a hybrid prison system jointly operated by the Justice Department, the military and the Department of Homeland Security. The ad-

ministration's plan, according to three government officials, calls for:

- Moving all the Guantanamo detainees to a single U.S. prison. The Justice Department has identified between 60 and 80 who could be prosecuted in military or federal criminal courts.

- Building a court facility within the prison site where defendants would be tried.

- Providing long-term holding cells for a small number of detainees who are considered too dangerous to risk being freed.

- Building immigration detention cells for detainees ordered released by courts but without countries willing to take them.

Each proposal, according to experts in constitutional and national security law, faces legal and logistics problems.

Several Michigan lawmakers have said they would be open to moving detainees to Michigan as long as there is broad local support, but other state legislatures have not promised to support the plan.

Under consideration is the soon-to-be-shuttered Standish maximum-security state prison in northeast Michigan. The facility already has individual cells and ample security for detainees, but would need \$100 million in upgrades.

Kansas' congressional delegation is dead set against moving Guantanamo detainees to Leavenworth. About 95 percent of residents at a town hall meeting in May also were opposed.

## Souter: Citizens know too little

BY MIKE ROBINSON  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Retired Supreme Court Justice David Souter urged the nation's lawyers Saturday to help revitalize civic education, warning the failure of many Americans to understand how the government works poses a serious threat.

"There is a danger to judicial independence when people have no understanding of how the judiciary fits into the constitutional scheme," Souter said in his keynote address to the American Bar Association's annual meeting.

Souter pointed to a poll showing two-thirds of Americans can't name the three branches of government — executive, legislative and judicial. He said that has to change to keep the nation's judges independent of political pressures.

"We cannot stand up for the judiciary by leav-

ing two-thirds of the American people ignorant that there are three branches," he said.

Souter, who retired this year, received prolonged applause from members of the bar association, the nation's leading lawyers group.

The New Hampshire native said he learned the lessons of democracy and the functions of the three branches of government as a boy at New England town meetings, adding "for those of you from the hinterland" that such gatherings are "the most radical exercise of American democracy that you can find."

"It didn't matter if someone were rich or poor, young or old, sensible or foolish," he said, meetings were governed by "fundamental fairness."

Souter said a rebirth of civic education is needed to ensure the nation has "judges who stand up for individual rights against the popular will."

## NRA's warning not so intimidating

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Rifle Association's threat to punish senators who vote for Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor has been met with diffidence from many Democrats and Republicans who plan to support her.

It looks like the gun rights group is losing a fight to defeat the president's first pick.

Voting "yes" will include NRA-endorsed Democratic Sen. Max Baucus and his fellow Montanan Sen. Jon Tester, as well as NRA-endorsed Tennessee Sen. Lamar Alexander, the only GOP leader to back Sotomayor.

That's not to say that the NRA's late decision to

wade in hasn't had an impact. Many Republicans who were considered possible "yes" votes for Sotomayor — including Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, Georgia Sens. Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson, and Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison — switched sides after the NRA's announcement.

The NRA derives much of its considerable clout from what has become a kind of mantra on Capitol Hill: Defy the gun lobby on something it cares about and face recriminations at the polls; back it and enjoy a substantial political boost.

Sotomayor has failed to say gun rights are "fundamental" and apply to states, but has said she'd keep an open mind if they came up in court.

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## HEALTH &amp; FITNESS

# STUDY

## Naps not just for kids



By KAREN KAPLAN  
Los Angeles Times

If you find yourself fighting the urge to catch 40 winks in the middle of the day, maybe it's time to start snoozing and stop worrying about what your boss will think. You might be surprised how many co-workers will join you.

Thirty-four percent of Americans take a nap on a typical day, according to the latest Pew Research Center Social & Demographic Trends survey. For men older than 50, the prevalence of napping was 41 percent. The most enthusiastic nappers in the survey were blacks — half of those surveyed acknowledged taking a nap in the previous 24 hours.

Napping for as little as 20 or 30 minutes can "improve mood, alertness and performance," according to the National Sleep Foundation. And today's nappers are in good company — Albert

Einstein, Thomas Edison, Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan shared the habit, the foundation said.

Napping is widespread among people in all U.S. regions, according to the survey. It's a pastime of city dwellers, suburbanites and folks in rural areas. Single people are just as likely to nap as married people; so are parents, childless adults and empty-nesters.

Not surprisingly, people who reported trouble sleeping the previous night were more likely to take a nap (41 percent) compared with those who slept well (32 percent). Exercise also seemed to make people sleepy — 37 percent of people who recently had engaged in a vigorous workout said they napped, compared with 30 percent of loafers.

Napping crossed all income levels, but it was most popular among people earning less than \$30,000 a year — 42 percent of them said

they had napped in the past day. People earning between \$75,000 and \$99,000 apparently were too busy to nap — only 21 percent of them did so — but once income rose past \$100,000, napping became an affordable luxury, indulged by 33 percent of those surveyed.

People with jobs were slightly more apt to nap on weekends, while people who were unemployed or retired showed a preference for weekday naps.

The survey found that 18 percent of respondents who described themselves as "very happy" had napped in the previous day, compared with 24 percent of folks who said they were "pretty happy" and 46 percent who said they were "not too happy." Maybe that's partly because people who reported distress about their financial situation (regardless of income) were twice as likely to have trouble sleeping at night.

## Cracking open the history behind chiropractic care



### The birth of chiropractic medicine

The practice of spinal manipulation was started in the U.S. in the late 1800s by Daniel David Palmer. Palmer was working as a magnetic healer in Iowa when he adjusted the spine of a deaf janitor. The treatment allegedly restored the man's hearing and Palmer theorized that correct spinal alignment could cure many of the body's ailments. In 1897 he formed the Palmer School of Chiropractic (now the Palmer College of Chiropractic) in Davenport, Iowa, and began training others in the practice.



### How does a chiropractor work?

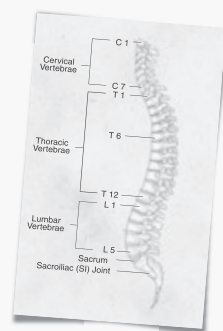
The central idea behind chiropractic medicine is to unleash the body's ability to heal itself. This is done by focusing on the movement, structure and function of the spine. Patients typically visit chiropractors to seek relief for headaches, joint pain, neck pain, back pain or sciatica, among other ailments. For many years the American Medical Association (AMA) dismissed chiropractic as quackery, but since the 1980s the AMA has considered chiropractic a viable option for physicians who think it will benefit their patients.

### Four common misconceptions



**Once you start going you have to keep going back**  
For acute back pain, four to six sessions are usually enough. Question chiropractors who ask you to extend your treatment indefinitely. Some say regular maintenance will help the body function better, but the best evidence is anecdotal.

**Chiropractors just crack backs**  
Chiropractors have broad diagnostic skills and "are also trained to recommend therapeutic and rehabilitative exercises, as well as to provide nutritional, dietary and lifestyle counseling," according to the American Chiropractic Association.



**You have to hear a "crack"**  
That sound, which is caused by the painless release of a gas bubble between your joints (just like when you crack your knuckles), doesn't have to occur for the treatment to be successful.

**Chiros are for everyone**  
Always tell the chiropractor about underlying health issues. In general, spinal manipulation isn't recommended for people with serious bone problems, such as osteoporosis, bone or joint infections, bone cancer, acute rheumatoid arthritis and disease of the spinal cord or bone marrow.

Source: American Chiropractic Association, American Medical Association, American Journal of Public Health, New Scientist, Chicago Tribune reporting

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# Christina Aguilera becomes DJ, talks music & film

**Y**ou'll be hearing more of Christina Aguilera's voice on the radio soon, but it won't be in the form of a song. Instead, the pop singer will work as a DJ.

Aguilera's very own radio station debuted July 31. The 24-hour online channel will be distributed across Clear Channel Radio's "iheartradio" network, and will feature interviews, news, personal commentary from Aguilera as well as her favorite tunes. "It stands across so many different feels and genres from A Tribe Called Quest to the Beatles to Billie Holiday to Bjork to Black Sabbath, Jay-Z," she said in a phone interview from Los Angeles on Wednesday. The new radio venture, A.P.E. Radio (Artist Personal Experience), will also launch The Eagles' own channel, to be hosted by guitarist Joe Walsh. Weezer's station is set to launch later this summer.

The radio station is not the only project she's working on. Aguilera, a 28-year-old mother to a 1-year-old son, is also working on a new CD and has signed on to do a movie with Cher; both are due to be released next year.

**The Associated Press: How does a radio channel fit you?**

In the beginning when I make my CDs, I make inspiration record-CDs and I hand them out to all the producers that I am looking forward to working with. And I hand out these CDs and at the end of the day it's funny because all the producers, or a lot of the producers, are like, "Wow, you should be a DJ." It's a really great mix of songs, and they're so different and eclectic and that's my style in general.

**Will you premiere your new music on the channel?**

Possibly. I'm really, really excited to release some of my new music and this is actually a great way to let my fans hear maybe a little sneak preview.

**You're working on electronic-futuristic pop. Why that sound now?**

I kind of had an idea for a futuristic feel for many years now, but I also had that idea that I wanted to do a soul, blues and jazz record also. But I knew I had to do that one first ... It's always been in the

back of my mind to do a more futuristic sound. But I felt like it couldn't been a better time or place for me personally also as a new mom.

**While you're creating your new CD, are you paying attention to what's on the radio now?**

No, that was the funny thing too. I did start to notice that music did start to take a more electronic turn ... But I really don't pay attention to what's going on out there because I want everything I do to have a very original feel. I wanted to keep a good balance of future but still mix it with a very real and believable sound.

**Now that you have a family, have you had any issues with paparazzi?**

We moved into our new house about a year ago, but since I started working on the record, I have a studio in the backyard ... and it just has been so perfect for me to just wake up in the morning, put on my flip flops and sweat pants, and just go back in the studio and pretty much get into my creative cave and zone out that way, so it's been really convenient. So the paparazzi have probably been upset with me.

**Talk about your new film, "Burlesque."**

I finally believed in a movie enough and a script enough, and a director enough to sign on and do my first feature film. Cher will be starring with me, so it's very exciting for me to step into that project and I'll be taking it very seriously so that's actually what I am diving into filming over the next few months.

— Mesfin Fekadu/  
The Associated Press

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Singer Christina Aguilera has her own radio station on Clear Channel Radio's "iheartradio" network.

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## NO JESS

Country singer Kenny Chesney, who split with his first wife, Renee Zellweger, after four months, is upset over rumors he and singer Jessica Simpson flirted in front of Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo at a bash days before Romo dumped Simpson. "Tony's a friend, and I wouldn't flirt with a buddy's girlfriend," Chesney tells People. "More importantly, Jessica was just being sweet and there was nothing else to it."

— The Philadelphia Inquirer



TLC

## NO COUCH

Jon and Kate Gosselin are over, but "Jon & Kate Plus 8" continues. TLC president Eileen O'Neill says the popular reality show, which has been on hiatus since the Gosselins announced their split in June, returns Monday with new eps that document the Gosselins "separately parenting." O'Neill says the sofa from which the couple addressed the camera is gone and replaced by "separate interview chairs." TLC will "continue to capture this family's journey in a respective and sensitive way," she says.

— The Associated Press



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## IN TROUBLE. AGAIN.

A paparazzo, who filed a police report for battery Thursday, says Mel Gibson attacked him Wednesday night at a Los Angeles nightclub and ripped his shirt. He contends Gibson became irate when he tried to photograph the star and his pregnant fiancée, Oksana Grigorieva, above. TMZ.com says that according to the police, the photographer suffered nary an injury, just a ripped T-shirt.

— The Philadelphia Inquirer



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## PINK POWER

Pink is raring to go for the MTV Video Music Awards on Sept. 13. The singer has been added to the roster to perform. "Last year I got to jump out of a window at the VMAs in L.A.," she said. "This year I can't wait to blow the roof off Radio City in New York." Fellow VMA singer Taylor Swift, 19, isn't just excited, she's ready to create a work: "I love incorporating theatrics into my performances. The VMAs have always allowed artists to run with that."

— The Philadelphia Inquirer



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## IN CUBA

Miguel Barnet, president of the Cuban Artists and Writers Association, left, presents actor Benicio Del Toro with an award in Havana on Thursday. Del Toro accepted a new Cuban government award for international artists for his full body of work, which includes the starring role in the movie "Che," about revolutionary hero Ernesto Guevara.

— The Associated Press



## KARA'S BACK

Even as Paula Abdul's "American Idol" future remains uncertain, Fox has moved to sign fourth wheel Kara DioGuardi for the next installment of its ratings winner. "Her deal is done. There are no ifs, ands or buts," an anonymous source tells E!Online's Marc Malkin. "Done. She will be back."

— The Philadelphia Inquirer

# So far, hurricane season has been a breeze

Experts point out a slow start doesn't mean it won't pick up

By CURTIS MORGAN  
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — As hurricane season goes, 2009 has been perfect.

Two months in — a third of the way through — and the tropics have spun out zero tropical storms, zero hurricanes and one piffle of a depression that melted harmlessly in the North Atlantic.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if that were a harbinger of months to come?

No such luck.

"Yes, it seems slow compared to the last couple of years, but this is nothing out of the ordinary," said Dennis Feltgen, spokesman for the National Hurricane Center in West Miami-Dade County.

Many a hurricane season has started slowly, only to accelerate right about now. In 2004, for

instance, the first named storm didn't pop up until July 31.

"That was the same year that had Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne," Feltgen said. "We ended up with 15 named storms."

Think back to 1992, when the first tropical storm formed Aug. 17. In a week's time, it morphed into Hurricane Andrew and steamrolled across South Miami-Dade as the last Category 5 storm to hit the United States.

This year has fallen short of the typical June-July production of one to two named storms. Nothing has even come close to whipping up into tropical storm strength, said Richard Pasch, a forecaster at the hurricane center.

But the tropics historically heat up in August and peak in September before slowly cooling down by season's end on Nov. 30.

In May, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issued its annual long-range forecast, predicting a near-normal 2009 season with nine to 14 named storms and four to seven hurricanes. The agency will issue a revised forecast on Aug. 6 with one significant new influence to factor in: El Niño. Scientists recently pronounced that climate condition was officially in place and possibly growing stronger in coming months.

Gerry Bell, NOAA's lead seasonal hurricane forecaster, wouldn't say how or if El Niño might change the agency's updated outlook. But the weather pattern frequently tends to tamp down the tropics. The condition, for instance, tends to increase wind shear aloft, Bell said. "That wind just blows developing tropi-



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**Palm trees and warning flags are blown by the late November 2008 Hurricane Paloma in George Town, Grand Cayman.**

cal systems apart."

But he cautioned that other conditions that have produced hectic hurricane seasons over the last decade remain unchanged.

And even if 2009 does prove to

be a welcome lull, history also shows that South Florida remains the headpin in Hurricane Alley. There is no forecasting where storms that will invariably form will hit.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### Sunday's U.S. temperatures

City Hi Lo Precip Weather  
Abilene, Tex. 92 68 cdy  
Akron, Ohio 82 65 .31 rn  
Albany, N.Y. 82 67 rn  
Albuquerque 94 69 cdy  
Allentown, Pa. 84 69 .88 rn  
Amarillo 80 63 cdy  
Anchorage 60 45 cdy  
Asheville 83 68 .33 rn  
Atlanta 89 73 .02 rn  
Atlantic City 84 71 rn  
Austin 102 80 cdy  
Baltimore 85 69 .20 rn  
Baton Rouge 93 76 rn  
Billings 92 63 cdy  
Birmingham 90 73 1.19 rn  
Bismarck 76 51 cdy  
Boise 100 70 cdy  
Boston 79 66 cdy  
Bridgeport 83 70 rn  
Brownsville 98 74 cdy  
Buffalo 81 67 .02 cdy  
Burlington, Vt. 82 68 rn  
Caribou, Maine 80 57 cdy  
Casper 83 50 cdy  
Charleston, S.C. 90 75 rn  
Charleston, W.Va. 84 68 1.29 rn  
Charlotte, N.C. 88 73 .06 rn  
Chattanooga 89 71 .39 cdy  
Cheyenne 79 50 cdy  
Chicago 75 57 cdy  
Cincinnati 81 68 .01 cdy  
Cleveland 82 67 .06 cdy  
Colorado Springs 73 53 cdy  
Columbia, S.C. 90 75 rn  
Columbus, Ga. 89 72 .02 rn  
Columbus, Ohio 82 69 .27 cdy  
Concord, N.H. 84 58 rn  
Corpus Christi 99 78 cdy  
Dallas-Ft. Worth 94 72 .63 cdy  
Dayton 80 65 .03 cdy  
Daytona Beach 91 75 cdy  
Denver 80 62 cdy

Des Moines 78 56 cdy  
Detroit 82 65 .01 cdy  
Duluth 66 45 .16 rn  
El Paso 97 70 .01 cdy  
Elkins 83 63 1.69 rn  
Erie 81 66 .06 cdy  
Eugene 94 62 cdy  
Evansville 83 64 .66 cdy  
Fairbanks 64 44 cdy  
Fargo 74 54 cdy  
Flagstaff 87 53 cdy  
Flint 79 59 .03 cdy  
Fort Smith 86 72 cdy  
Fort Wayne 79 63 .10 cdy  
Fresno 99 69 cdy  
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Grand Rapids 80 58 .19 cdy  
Great Falls 90 54 cdy  
Green Bay 75 51 .03 cdy  
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Huntsville 88 73 2.23 cdy  
Indianapolis 80 64 .02 cdy  
Jackson, Miss. 91 73 .57 rn  
Jacksonville 91 73 .09 rn  
Juneau 66 54 cdy  
Kansas City 79 57 cdy  
Key West 92 79 .23 cdy  
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Lexington 83 68 .10 cdy  
Lincoln 78 54 cdy  
Little Rock 81 72 .54 cdy  
Los Angeles 83 64 cdy  
Louisville 83 69 .01 cdy  
Lubbock 88 67 cdy

Macon 90 76 .02 rn  
Madison 74 55 cdy  
Medford 103 71 .38 cdy  
Memphis 84 75 .29 cdy  
Miami Beach 91 79 .10 cdy  
Midland-Odessa 91 69 .05 cdy  
Milwaukee 78 58 cdy  
Mpls-St. Paul 72 56 cdy  
Missoula 94 56 .01 cdy  
Mobile 85 75 1.91 rn  
Montgomery 92 73 .40 rn  
Nashville 85 71 .07 cdy  
New Orleans 92 77 .45 rn  
New York City 83 71 rn  
Newark 84 72 .03 rn  
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North Platte 80 54 cdy  
Oklahoma City 90 67 cdy  
Omaha 76 58 cdy  
Orlando 94 76 cdy  
Paducah 83 64 .47 cdy  
Pendleton 108 72 cdy  
Peoria 69 56 .10 cdy  
Philadelphia 86 71 rn  
Phoenix 110 88 cdy  
Pittsburgh 82 69 cdy  
Pocatello 91 47 cdy  
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Portland, Ore. 94 67 cdy  
Providence 83 65 cdy  
Pueblo 81 54 cdy  
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Rapid City 83 55 cdy  
Reno 97 69 cdy  
Richmond 89 74 rn  
Roanoke 86 70 .03 rn  
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Rockford 76 49 cdy  
Sacramento 89 56 cdy  
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Topeka 80 56 cdy  
Tucson 105 80 cdy  
Tulsa 87 64 cdy  
Tupelo 86 74 .05 cdy  
Waco 96 73 .01 cdy  
Washington, D.C. 89 70 .18 rn  
W. Palm Beach 91 81 cdy  
Wichita 81 56 cdy  
Wichita Falls 91 71 .13 cdy  
Wilkes-Barre 81 67 .19 rn  
Wilmington, Del. 84 73 rn  
Yakima 104 70 cdy  
Youngstown 83 65 .16 rn

**National temperature extremes**  
High: Sat., 119, Death Valley, Calif.  
Low: Sun., 35, Stanley, Idaho

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### Sunday's global temperatures

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Athens, 89 71 cdy  
Auckland, 59 48 rn  
Baghdad, 107 84 cdy  
Baku, 114 86 cdy  
Bahrain, 101 88 cdy  
Bangkok, 91 78 rn  
Barbados, 87 79 rn  
Barcelona, 85 71 cdy  
Beijing, 87 71 rn  
Beirut, 90 77 cdy  
Belgrade, 91 65 cdy  
Berlin, 80 48 cdy

Bermuda, 86 79 pc  
Bogota, 68 51 rn  
Brasilia, 81 51 cdy  
Brisbane, 69 45 cdy  
Brussels, 81 52 cdy  
Bucharest, 88 64 rn  
Budapest, 87 64 cdy  
Buenos Aires, 55 43 pc  
Cairo, 96 75 cdy  
Calgary, 89 54 rn  
Caracas, 88 80 pc  
Colombo, 84 80 pc  
Copenhagen, 69 47 pc  
Dahran, 109 82 cdy

Dhaka, 92 78 cdy  
Dili, 88 71 cdy  
Dubai, 104 91 cdy  
Dublin, 63 52 rn  
Frankfurt, 83 54 pc  
Geneva, 90 56 pc  
Guatemala, 77 64 rn  
Hanoi, 90 79 rn  
Harare, 77 46 cdy  
Havana, 95 73 rn  
Helsinki, 66 53 rn  
Hong Kong, 93 80 cdy  
Islamabad, 97 65 rn  
Istanbul, 84 68 rn

Jakarta, 89 72 pc  
Jerusalem, 91 75 cdy  
Johannesburg, 41 35 rn  
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Kuala Lumpur, 91 77 rn  
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Sapporo, 82 66 rn  
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Singapore, 88 79 pc  
Sofia, 91 57 pc  
Stockholm, 68 57 rn

Sydney, 67 46 cdy  
Taipei, 100 84 cdy  
Tegucigalpa, 84 67 pc  
Tehran, x x cdy  
Tel Aviv, 81 75 cdy  
Tokyo, 80 71 pc  
Turin, 87 68 pc  
Toronto, 75 60 cdy  
Tunis, 98 74 cdy  
Valletta, 94 73 cdy  
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## 1901 massacre offers lessons

I was reading your July 25 issue and came upon the article "Commanders' actions before Afghan attack questioned."

Reading it reminded me of an incident in the Philippines (Samar Island) on Sept. 28, 1901, wherein Company C, 9th Infantry ("The Manchus"), under Capt. Thomas Connell, were massacred by the townsfolk in cooperation with the local guerrillas under the leadership of the Philippine commander Brig. Gen. Vicente Lukban.

In connection with this, I would like to request your good office to possibly publish [an account of] that historic event, directly related to what we are doing in Afghanistan (counterinsurgency) so that our leaders could learn from it and make decisions that will save American soldiers' lives, and that, if an ultimate sacrifice is made, it is not made in vain.

I have read other publications regarding the Balangiga massacre, but the most reputable is written by Bob Couttie, "Hang the Dogs: The True Tragic History of the Balangiga Massacre," with very insightful material that will greatly contribute to our present counterinsurgency campaign.

Maj. Michael Van Hoven  
Camp Bucca, Iraq

## Offering his 2 cents

I was just reading "Where's the 1-cent pog?" (letter, July 27) and couldn't figure out this guy's math. If he bought something for \$4.02, how did the Army and Air Force Exchange Service keep his 2 cents? Last I checked, if I bought something for \$4.02, paid with a \$5 bill and got \$1 back, I made out. So let's ask this: What is the letter writer doing with his \$7.30 a year?

If he wants to get on AAFES about anything, it should be the price of its items. It is not giving our Marines, soldiers, sailors and airmen a chance to save money with some of its goods. But hey, that's just my 2 cents.

Blake Singleton  
Joint Base Balad, Iraq

## America needs another revival

There is much concern about the lack of godly character and sin. There are some who want to push the sin that God destroyed the city of Sodom for — perverted sex of man on man, and where we get the words "sodomy" and "sodomite."

[Homosexuals] can get help. Focus on the Family has good sources of information.

The difference between civil rights and gay rights is, there are ex-gays, but not ex-blacks. Should we really be forcing homosexuality on the military? And the "hate crimes" law gives [gays] protection that the rest [of us] don't get. What happened to being equal?

It's amazing how our country has turned, attacking those who stand for godly principles. Christians take a lot of persecution. Repealing "don't ask, don't tell" would return us to a complete ban on any pervers-

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sion. In 1993 [gays] said they were happy with the president's decision. The liberals need to explain why they want open homosexuality in the military. Normal folks are not allowed to be open about their love.

Many have been freed from problems such as alcoholism, perversion, cigarette smoking, being foul-mouthed, etc., when they turned to Jesus Christ. Around 1900 our country was having some bad problems, but it got turned around by a revival.

This is a wish for America, that we have another revival. Miracles do happen. Before complaining, just give Jesus a chance. Attend a chapel service or ask any chaplain about the Lord and read the Bible. We should pray for those against us and invite them to a church service.

Rick Monahan  
Bagram, Afghanistan

## Fox gets 12 hours on AFN

I felt it necessary to write a rebuttal to "AFN appears Fox-heavy" (letter, July 6).

I, too, did a little research. I went a step further and figured the total hours of programming [on American Forces Network] for the week: From 4-11:30 p.m. Fox News gets only 12 of those hours. The more liberal news networks get way more air time. NBC/MSNBC gets 19 hours; CNN, seven hours; CBS, 3½ hours; Public Broadcasting Service, 5½ hours; with the rest going to ATIS Regional News. It seems the more liberal news networks tend to get far more air time than Fox. Liberals have far more news networks than conservatives.

Another letter writer on July 8 ("Make AFN a true no-spin zone") wrote to "make AFN a true no-spin zone." The writer said he would like to get a well-rounded view of what is going on around the world.

If the reader thinks the liberal media's view that Barack Obama is the greatest president ever [and that he] can do no wrong is well-rounded, he is mistaken. I'm not saying anything against Obama; I'm saying that that seems to be the message

coming from these networks. Heaven forbid someone on Fox News says otherwise. If they do, then they are not considered "well-rounded."

You would think that our military members would be fed up with liberal news networks reporting only bad things, rather than the good. Fox News happens to be one of the news networks that not only praises our military but also reports on the good along with the bad.

One more tidbit of information: By the end of the first quarter of 2009, Fox beat CNN and MSNBC combined in the ratings and is the second-highest rated cable news network. That could be because some Americans are fed up with CNN and MSNBC's one-sided political views. Those two networks are far more divisive than Fox News will ever hope to be.

Brandy Garza  
Camp Courtney, Okinawa

## The problem is in the system

"First under fire, then under arrest" (article, July 28) states that "the Army released a study ... that found that the trauma of fierce combat and soldier refusals or obstacles to seeking mental health care may have helped drive some to violence at home. It said more study is needed."

More study, indeed! Combining the psychological impact of training soldiers for delivering mortality to an enemy, doing so, and the outdated systems methodology of deployment and redeployment has led us to punish soldiers for a system and psychological result we have made. It would be the equivalent of tossing a soldier's room, then punishing him. As Adm. Mike Mullen once said, our peacetime processes are not conducive to a wartime reality.

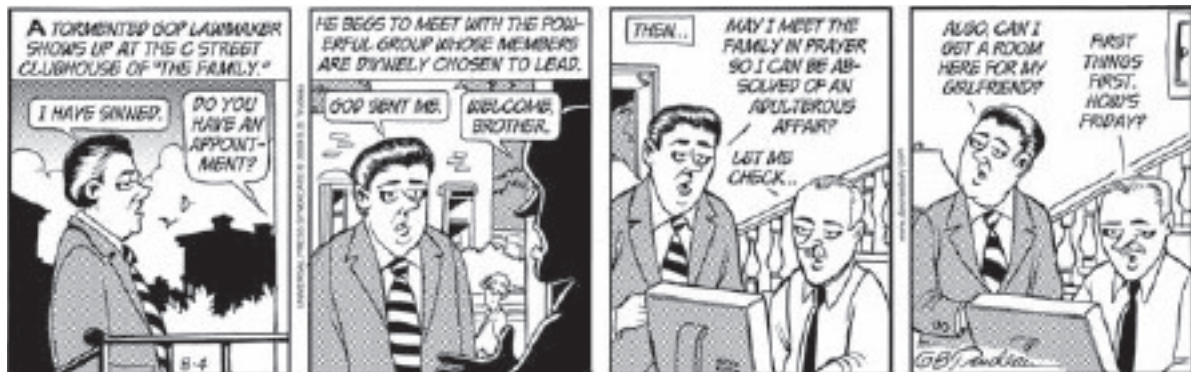
The problem is not found in the proficient necessities of war preparation. The problem is the system as a whole, from the moment we recruit a soldier to the time his military career is complete. The military represents a temporary life-support system. What happens to soldiers after preparation is the place for further study.

The soldier is rejecting normalcy during and after deployment and has become co-dependent or attached to the temporary life-support system. For most, it has become truer than the reality that awaits them. Upon return, the temporary life-support system goes away and is replaced by another system with the same function. Those who get out are lost; those who transfer or remain do not effectively regenerate.

Long-term problem: Our postwar citizens are more likely to develop a counter-culture more destructive than any we have seen from past wars. Perhaps we are studying in the wrong direction. Perhaps we need to launch a study of how soldiers and families transition from training, to unit, pre-deployment, deployment, on leave, re-deployment, transfer (permanent change of station) and back again healthily.

Chaplain (Capt.) Mijikai Mason  
Schweinfurt, Germany

BY GARRY TRUDEAU





## OPINION

## Better to risk the odd gaffe than to clam up

By MICHAEL KINSLEY

Isn't it great to have a president who says something foolish or impolitic from time to time?

With his remark that the Cambridge, Mass., police acted "stupidly" in arresting Henry Louis Gates Jr., President Barack Obama extended the story by a week or more and turned a nice little summer amusement for the political opinion industry into a "teachable moment," which means something everyone must get serious about. Obama also solidified his reputation as a foot-in-mouthers almost as accomplished as his vice president. Before Gates and the police, there was his joke about Nancy Reagan conducting seances in the White House, and then an unfortunate (though very common) use of the Special Olympics as a punch line, and so on.

But Obama's rhetorical goofs usually are different from Joe Biden's momentum-mouth, just as they are different from the empty-headed nonsense of George W. Bush and the bizarre country-club-bar chatter of Bush's father. They are also different from the standard political "gaffe," which, as we know, is when a politician accidentally tells the truth. Obama's goofs are generally not a result of speaking the truth. They come from thinking things through incompletely. It turns out that the police officer who arrested Skip Gates was not necessarily acting "stupidly" and that Gates might have been doing just that. The president ultimately came up with a typically elegant formulation, describing the episode as a misunderstanding between "two good men." Wouldn't it have been better if he had just kept quiet until all the

facts were in and all his thoughts were in order?

No, it would not have been better. The media, in their ill-fitting role as guardians of civility, now lecture the president on the special responsibilities of his office. His own aides no doubt shake their heads and tell one another that this is what happens when the man goes "off the reservation" — that is, when he fails to follow the script they have written for him. And of course the Limbaughs and Gingriches of the world are so upset that they can barely contain their delight at having this stick to beat Obama with.

The rituals of umbrage that have become so big a part of our political narrative aren't just tedious. They do real harm. Very often the offense taken is completely phony, such as during last fall's campaign when Obama stood accused of insulting Sarah Palin and all of womankind by using the phrase "lipstick on a pig." Three problems here. First, the whole fuss was stagey and false. Second, it consumed valuable attention when citizens had more important subjects they should have been thinking and talking about. And third, it encouraged further fancied slights.

But even when the remark at issue is genuinely unfortunate and the offense taken isn't completely imaginary, the fuss is usually excessive and damaging. The people who declare that a president has a special responsibility not to say anything offensive have it wrong. The president has a special responsibility to address important topics and to say important things. That can't be done in a thin-skinned political culture obsessed with gaffes, and with a citizenry overly quick to take offense.



The more concerned you are to avoid saying anything wrong or offensive, the less likely you are to say anything inspiring or true. We have elected a president with a speculative mind. He wrote a book worth reading — wrote it himself! — even before running for president. It's interesting to hear what he thinks about various subjects — even those that don't immediately affect his own presidency. But every teachable episode we put him through teaches him that speculation is risky. And the riskier we make it, the less of it we're likely to get.

Jokes are a slightly different category,

but the dynamic is the same. The more we punish jokes that fall flat, the fewer good ones we're likely to get. Just as presidents start by chafing at the Secret Service and end up enjoying life inside the cocoon, they start by speaking their minds and gradually learn that it's safer and easier to live by the Teleprompter.

We complain about politicians who talk in pre-tested and rehearsed sound bites, but we punish anyone who strays too far into his or her own thinking.

This Michael Kinsley column first appeared in The Washington Post.

## Blueprint exists to achieve success in Afghanistan

Chicago Tribune editorial

July was the deadliest month ever in the Afghanistan war for U.S. and NATO forces.

There's another ominous fact: Roadside bomb attacks on coalition forces have raced past previous records, hitting 736 in June, more than double the number of March, setting a record for the fourth straight month.

The spike in violence comes amid a surge of 21,000 American troops into Afghanistan, under a new commander and with a still-developing strategy for what some are calling the second Afghanistan war.

American and NATO forces never stopped fighting after the U.S.-led invasion of 2001, of course. But they haven't won. In the past year, the Taliban have regrouped and threatened to overrun major swaths of Afghanistan again.

Now, borrowing a page from the successful Iraq surge, American commanders are stressing security, economic development and political progress over raw military force. "We will not win based on the number of Taliban we kill, but instead on our ability to separate insurgents from the people," according to a recent tactical directive from the new American commander in Afghanistan, U.S. Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal.

Allied commanders hope to enlist the Afghan people in expelling the Taliban and other terrorists, much the way Sunni tribesmen joined American forces in Iraq to fight al-Qaida. There are glimmers of progress. In recent days came reports that villagers in eastern Afghanistan turned on the Taliban and attacked, after being

promised development money and security by Afghan officials. In a recent interview, Defense Secretary Robert Gates was unusually blunt about the prospects in Afghanistan. "After the Iraq experience, nobody is prepared to have a long slog where it is not apparent we are making headway. The troops are tired; the American people are pretty tired."

Granted. Last spring, President Barack Obama promised some clear benchmarks for progress in Afghanistan. So far, however, the administration hasn't delivered. Those benchmarks are critical.

Americans need to know, for example, whether the allies have enough troops to "clear and hold" key areas, as the developing strategy demands. Remember, Afghanistan is larger in both territory and population than Iraq. And the combined

allied forces number 97,000, far below Iraq levels even as the war there winds down.

The United States can't provide more troops immediately and NATO countries won't. But ultimately, Afghanistan army and police forces need to do the job. So far, progress in building those forces has been frustratingly slow and uneven.

A successful counterinsurgency campaign starts not in Kabul but in local communities. Tracking desperately needed projects like roads, wells, clinics, schools is an important gauge. Those won't get built unless aid workers can be protected from insurgents.

Cutting the Taliban's chief cash source — opium — won't be done by eradicating the poppy crop. The better way: help farmers plant and bring to market cash crops other than illicit opium. The problem in

provinces like Helmand is that NATO and Afghan forces don't control a lot of the territory where poppy is being grown.

Another critical metric: Corruption. Bribery, extortion and drug trafficking among police and judges is widespread and has alienated local populations and spurred support for the Taliban. A stronger national police force — and redoubled efforts by Afghan President Hamid Karzai — are critical.

Those are some of the measures by which the American people may judge, in the coming months, the war in Afghanistan.

Almost eight years into this war, the allied objective remains: a country that will never again allow terrorists free rein to plot attacks against the U.S. and its allies. That's still worth the fight.

## Prickly City

By SCOTT STANTIS





## Man charged in '80 slaying of couple

**WI** JEFFERSON — For almost 30 years, no one knew who killed Tim Hack and Kelly Drew.

Until now. Wisconsin investigators armed with a DNA match arrested a 76-year-old former handyman at the reception site, Edward W. Edwards, in Louisville, Ky. Prosecutors have charged him with two counts of first-degree murder.

District Attorney Susan V. Happ declined to comment on what led investigators back to Edwards, saying only that new evidence had emerged since they first questioned him in 1980.

Edwards faces life in prison if he's convicted.

## Plane crashes after missing destination

**WV** RAVENSWOOD — A single-engine plane crashed in a heavily wooded area of West Virginia after the pilot apparently lost consciousness and flew hundreds of miles past the airport in Indiana where he was supposed to land.

Pilot William Huff, 61, was killed, but it was not clear if he died before the crash or as a result of it. National Guard jets chased the plane after it overshot its destination.

Huff was the only person in the Cirrus SR-22, which crashed near Ravenswood, 50 miles north of Charleston.

## Many of state's school districts 'unacceptable'

**TX** AUSTIN — The number of Texas school districts rate by the state as "academically unacceptable" has increased to its highest level ever.

"Academically unacceptable" is the lowest ranking in the state accountability system implemented in 1994.

The accounting released by Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott attributes the increase to dropout rates.

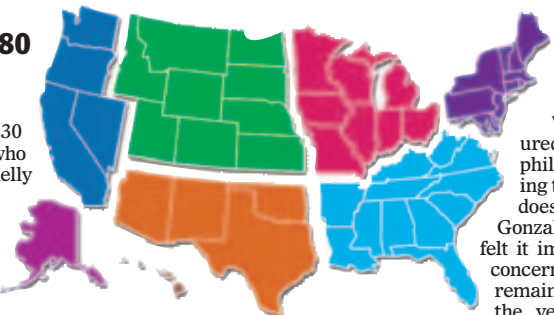
However, new standards also led to an increase in the number of schools ranked as "exemplary," the top rating in the accountability system.

## Bias suit by black U.S. Capitol officers revived

**DC** WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court revived a discrimination lawsuit brought by more than 200 black police officers who claim they were mistreated by white supervisors with the U.S. Capitol Police.

The black officers sued in 2001, charging white senior officers had created a hostile work environment by regularly referring to them with derogatory terms like "gangsters" and in some cases, denying them promotions to the rank of sergeant or lieutenant.

A lower court judge dismissed the case, saying most of the black officers had not fully pursued mediation before filing the lawsuit. A three-judge appeals panel reversed that part of the judge's decision and said they could sue.



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

### Mr. Clucky may be evicted from condo

**FL** MIAMI BEACH — A celebrity rooster and Miami Beach tourist favorite named Mr. Clucky could soon be evicted from the condo he shares with his owner.

The Miami Herald reports that a dramatic city hall plea from Mark Buckley wasn't enough to stop officials from giving city code officers authority to remove Mr. Clucky and his hen girlfriend, Wallflower.

Buckley was also ordered to pay a \$50 fine for the rooster, known for perching on the handlebars of his bicycle.

But there might still be hope for Mr. Clucky: Buckley can ask city commissioners for an exception or appeal to the courts.

Mr. Clucky has become a favorite subject of tourist photos and was even grand marshal of a parade.

### University petition opposes ex-AG hire

**TX** LUBBOCK — A small group of Texas Tech University faculty members is objecting to the school's hiring of former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, and is trying to gather signatures for a petition that claims he has "demonstrated significant ethical failings."

But Chancellor Kent Hance said

that the petition targeting the hire won't deter him from having Gonzales on campus.

Walter Schaller, a tenured associate professor of philosophy who is circulating the petition, has said he doesn't expect it to affect Gonzales' hire. But he said he felt it important to air faculty concerns that Gonzales might remain a professor beyond the yearlong teaching stint for which he has been hired.

About 74 people have signed the petition.

Hance, a one-time Republican congressman from West Texas who defeated George W. Bush for the seat in the former president's sole election defeat, said he didn't hire Gonzales to be a faculty member but would be welcome to continue teaching at Tech beyond a year.

Gonzales, Bush's attorney general until he resigned in 2007, will teach a political science class on contemporary issues in the executive branch.

### Man in custody after gunfight with cop

**NY** ALBANY — A man is in custody after authorities say he exchanged gunfire with a police officer on an Albany street.

Police say an officer on patrol heard gunshots and went to investigate. The officer chased a man and exchanged gunfire before the man was caught, police said.

No one was reported injured.

### Hospital: Possible hepatitis exposure

**CO** DENVER — A hospital in New York state is notifying about 2,800 patients of possible exposure to hepatitis C after learning that a former employee is suspected of exposing nearly 6,000 patients in Colorado to the disease.

The New York State Health Department said that it's working with Northern Westchester Hospital after learning that Kristen Diane Parker once worked there.

Authorities say 26-year-old Parker may have exposed patients to hepatitis C when she was a surgery technician at a Denver hospital and Colorado Springs surgery center.

She's accused of exchanging her used syringes with saline solution for ones with a painkiller meant for patients even though she knew she was infected.

She faces federal charges of tampering with a consumer product, creating a counterfeit controlled substance, and obtaining a controlled substance by deception or subterfuge.

### Police: 'Device' at subway not dangerous

**NY** NEW YORK — New York City police say a suspicious device at a subway station in Brooklyn turned out to be heating equipment.

A service alert on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Web site says service at the Jay Street-Borough Hall Station has been restored in both directions at the station.

Trains were diverted from the station for nearly two hours as police investigated.



**Home again** Clare Duffer, 3, holds the hand of her dad, Jeremy Duffer, as they prepare to go home after a welcome-home ceremony in Bartonville, Ill. Soldiers from Company A, 1st Battalion, 178th Infantry Regiment in Bartonville returned from a one-year mobilization in Afghanistan. "It hasn't really sunk in yet," he said of seeing his daughter. "She hasn't let go."



**The cow jumped over the cowboys** Cowboys watch as a "cow" hot air balloon passes overhead near Maysville, Ky. The balloon was participating in the annual Buffalo Trails Hot Air Balloon Festival in Maysville.



### Feeling it

**Robin Pecknold of Fleet Foxes performs at George Wein's Newport Folk Festival 50 in Newport, R.I.**





## Mud buddies

A mud-covered competitor in the annual Calf Scramble at the Clark County Fair in Springfield, Ohio, holds onto the 250-pound calf as he tries to drag the animal through several inches of mud to a circle. The competitors who get their animal into the circle get to keep the calf and bring it to the fair next year.



## Off to the races

Brightly colored cabins line the background as harness racers run around the track at the Neshoba County Fair in Philadelphia, Miss.



## Golden moment

A rainbow appears behind grazing horses at the Avalon Therapeutic Equestrian Center in the town of Ixonia, Wis., after a series of sporadic showers moved through the area.

## Not your garden variety: 17-foot python is bagged

**FL** MIAMI — The staff at the Okeechobee Veterinary Hospital in Okeechobee, Fla., routinely handles large animals. Along with household pets, they treat hogs, horses, cows and ornery bulls.

But one massive critter that showed up stunned everyone. It turned out to be one the biggest Burmese pythons found yet roaming free in Florida.

The constrictor stretched 17 feet, 2 inches and measured 26 inches around at its thickest point. It weighed in at a staggering 207 pounds — four pounds more than the Miami Dolphins' brawny No. 1 draft pick, Vontae Davis.

"It was a complete shock," said Patty Harvey, a technician at the hospital, which is just north of Lake Okeechobee. "We see huge gators all the time being in Okeechobee put you would never expect to see a snake this size."

## Testimony starts in trial of slain girl's parents

**NY** PALERMO — Testimony has begun in the trial of a central New York couple charged with endangering the welfare of their 11-year-old daughter before she was slain last summer.

Jurors spent the first night of testimony in the Palermo Town Court trial of Lindsey and Lynn Maxwell looking at photographs of the Maxwell's house.

Child endangerment charges were filed against them after their daughter, Erin Maxwell, was found strangled in August in the family's Oswego County home.

The Maxwells are accused of forcing Erin to live in filthy conditions that authorities say included piles of feces from the more than 100 cats living in the home.

Police say the girl was killed by her 27-year-old stepbrother, Alan Jones. He faces a murder trial in September.

## Court reverses case on animal sacrifices

**TX** DALLAS — A federal appeals court has reversed a district court's ruling, smoothing the way for a Santeria priest in a Fort Worth suburb to resume goat sacrifices that are part of a religious ceremony.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' action goes against the city of Euless' attempts to bar the sacrifices.

Jose Merced had sued the city, accusing it of trampling his constitutional right to religious exercise.

## Driver finds phone from deadly crash in N.Y.

**NY** TARRYTOWN — A driver has found the cell phone that belonged to the New Yorker who caused a wreck that killed eight.

Diane Schuler was driving the wrong way on the Taconic State Parkway when she crashed in Briarcliff Manor. She was headed home to West Babylon, Long Island, from upstate New York.

Investigators say it now appears she crossed the Tappan Zee Bridge into Westchester County and stopped in a pull-off area. She told her brother in a phone call that she felt disoriented and had trouble seeing.

Schuler died with her young daughter and three nieces. The

crash also killed three men in the car she hit.

## 23 show horses poisoned with oleander

**CA** RANCHO SANTA FE — A San Diego County ranch owner says 23 show horses have been poisoned by someone who fed them highly toxic oleander leaves.

Debbie Tomin, owner of Rockridge Farm in Rancho Santa Fe, said three horses are seriously ill and are undergoing treatment at an equine hospital.

Tomin said workers discovered the sick American Saddlebred horses and a feed mix of sliced apples and carrots, which disguised the bitter oleander.

## Biker rescues R.I. driver from SUV in pond

**NY** VICTOR — A Massachusetts motorcyclist is credited with saving the life of a fellow New Englander whose vehicle had rolled into a western New York pond.

Kelly Walsh of Athol, Mass., says he and his wife were checking into a hotel in suburban Victor when they saw an SUV submerged in a nearby pond with the driver trapped inside.

Walsh says when he swam out to the vehicle, the water was nearly over the man's head. Walsh managed to get a door open and the man swam to shore.

State police say the driver is from Rhode Island but haven't released his name. He has been charged with driving while intoxicated.

## Oops! Minn. Dems' news release has profane link

**MIN** MINNEAPOLIS — Next time, Minnesota's Democratic Party says, it will closely check its Internet links before sending news releases.

The party recalled a statement criticizing Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty because it mistakenly linked to a profane YouTube video of an elderly Chinese woman repeating obscenities.

Andrew O'Leary, executive director of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, as the Democratic Party is known in Minnesota, said the link was provided by an outside researcher.

## Ruling: Court failed its duty to Muslim scholar

**NY** NEW YORK — U.S. officials should have given a Muslim scholar a chance to show he was no supporter of terrorism before barring him from the country, a federal appeals court ruled.

Tariq Ramadan, a professor sympathetic to Palestinian resistance to Israel, had his U.S. visa revoked in 2004 as he was about to take a tenured teaching job at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

His subsequent applications for a new visa were denied on the grounds that he had donated \$1,336 to a charity that gave money to Hamas.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that it was legal for the government to bar Ramadan from the country, but said it had an obligation to inform him of the concerns about his donations and give him a chance to prove he didn't know his money would go to Hamas.

Stories and photos from wire services



# Horoscope

The Capricorn moon goes void of course. What seems important early on will, as the day progresses, appear to be the product of over-thinking. There's also a tendency to judge things too harshly. So when you're tempted to toss your work out to start anew, carefully set it aside instead. Wait until evening when you can make a better decision.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 4)

Vitality increases this year. You'll spiff up your image, impress your loved ones and attract new friends. Shockingly good news comes in September. An effort to bring family together heals your heart in December. In the new year, you'll shift your perspective on work and suddenly make much more money in less time. Capricorn and Scorpio adore you.

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)

The world seems like more of an emotional place. What you see will move you — make you laugh, cry or shout. And it gets more complex, colorful and interesting as the day progresses.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You dearly love a certain needy person, and yet you won't have the time to lavish attention on this person today. Once you return to focusing on your own plan, you'll return to feeling calm and in control.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You've no shortage of ideas about how to fill up your time. You also have a knack for finding the most exciting hot spots around. Invite a Libra or Pisces to share in your adventures.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You will be increasingly aware of the way you talk to yourself in your mind. Your reactions to mistakes will be softer. You'll find that you can be honest with yourself without being critical.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You'll be among serious people. This is your opportunity to show off. Come up with the ideas and go for it. Everyone

will be entertained by your spontaneous sense of fun.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You phrase things in a way that makes yourself and others feel fantastic. You'll say the perfect thing in just the right tone. This occurrence is even sweeter because your message is appreciated.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You don't have to talk about yourself or what you've been up to. Your manners will tell the world where you are from and where you are going. You don't mind when others sum you up because you have much to be proud of.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You'll enjoy your work and have an easy time getting along with others. There's hardly a person around you can't find something nice to say about. That's why when it's time to team up, you'll be at the top of everyone's list.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Call the person who can calm you down whether or not you think you need calming. You do, by the way. Get connected to those who care about you and you'll suddenly be grounded and ready for action.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Life is out there for you on a beautiful display, but it's not going to serve itself to you. You have to be the one to reach out and take it. So drum up a little more grit and moxie. Take it you will.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You've a remarkable ability for winning people over. You have a fan who is willing to give what you ask. In fact, this person will be made happy by your mere request. So ask!

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Being complimented will feel wonderful, even if you have to compliment yourself. It might come to that, as you will probably be working with younger or more inexperienced people who don't understand your greatness.

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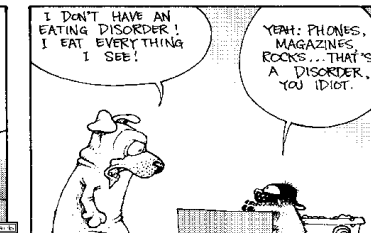
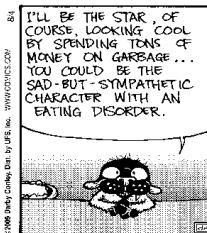
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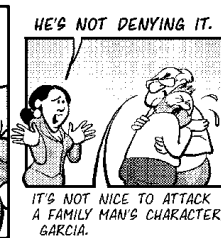
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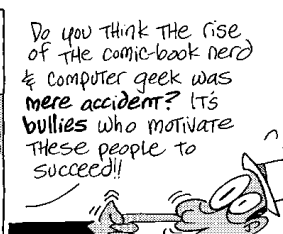
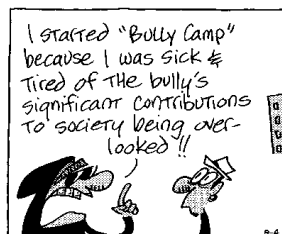
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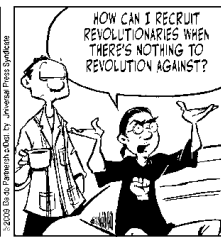
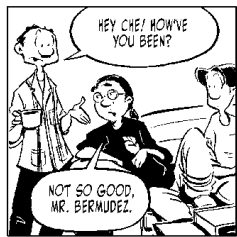
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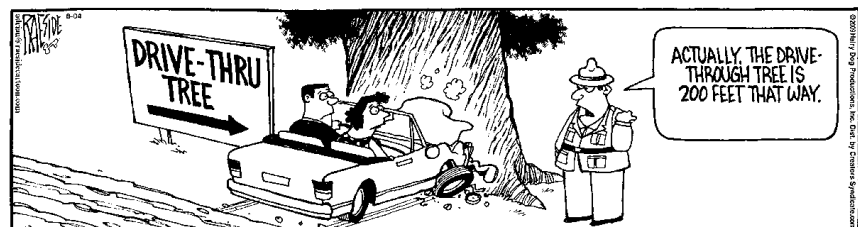
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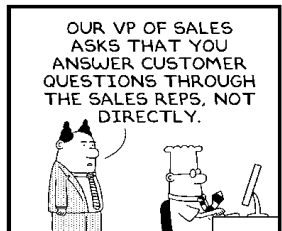
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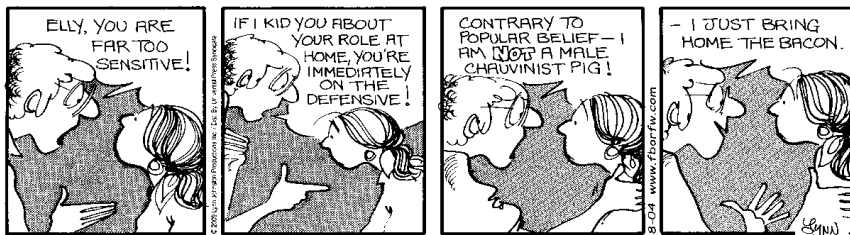
## Difficulty: Easy

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

## Yesterday's solution

8	1	3	6	2	4	7	9	5
9	7	8	3	5	4	2	1	6
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6	8	4	5	1	3	2	7	9
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals S



# Irate commuters sound off

**Dear Abby:** Your answer to "Minneapolis Commuter" (June 8), who was sick of overhearing personal cell phone conversations, missed the mark. I ride public transit to and from Sacramento every day, and most of the time the passengers — like me — just want a quiet ride to work and back. Sometimes a rude, obnoxious and very loud person will get on and make life miserable for the rest of us.

Moving to another seat is not an option because their voices carry throughout the entire bus. Often these conversations are laced with profanity, and it becomes an endurance test to remain polite.

I no longer feel that being polite is the best solution with such people. They need to be reminded about common courtesy and respect for their neighbors. There have been days when the bus driver actually stopped the bus and or-

dered such passengers off. I dare say, you have not been on public transit in a while, or you would not have dismissed the complaint so quickly.

— Sacramento Commuter

**Dear Abby:** You are right.

I haven't used public transit for some time, however, several of my staff use it daily and tell me, as you have, that phone users can be rude and obnoxious.

Contacting your local public transit carrier and complaining seems to be the best way to handle the situation. If they receive enough complaints — and I'm sure they will — they may initiate policies to stop such rude behavior. And if all else fails: earplugs!

**Read on:**

**Dear Abby:** "Commuter" is far from alone. I am a transit bus driver. Cell phones are an irritation to drivers and passengers alike on our service. To address

this issue, our company initiated a cell phone policy that is printed in our transit guide. If using a cell phone on a bus, do not disturb the driver or fellow passengers, or you may be asked to stop using your cell phone. Keep it short, keep it down, keep it quiet, keep it off!

Since this policy has been in effect (it's not perfect), things have improved. I would encourage anyone who uses public transportation to ask their service to put a cell phone policy in place and enforce it.

— Bus Driver

**Dear Abby:** I, too, found the conversations on the bus to be quite colorful! I now wear earplugs and spend my time listening to music and reading. The convenience of a relaxing ride to work far outweighs the annoyances. I find the bumpy ride is a great abdominal workout, too.

— Calm-Uting in Abq

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FRIGE

GADEA

SHOMID

MEESID

NEW Jumble iPhone App go to: [www.btlj/15QkRq](http://www.btlj/15QkRq)

Answer: " " ON

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FORGO PRIOR VIRILE PREFER

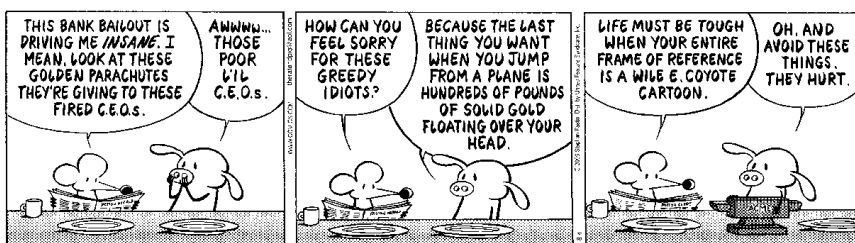
Answer: When the chief hired his son, he was considered — "FIRE" PROOF

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

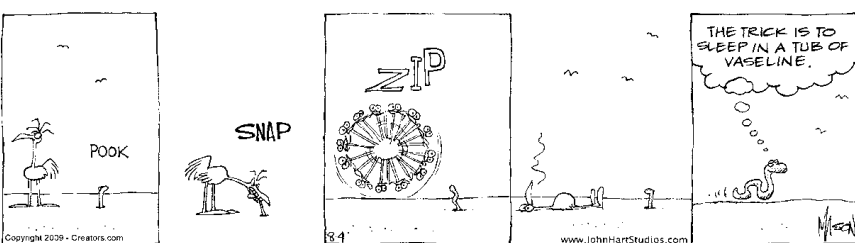


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Pearls Before Swine



B.C.



Pardon My Planet Over The Hedge



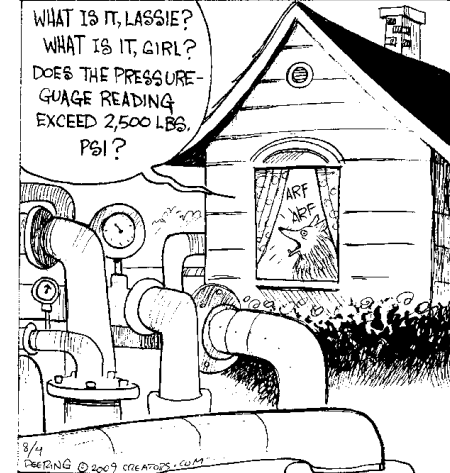
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Strange Brew





## AFRTS Television Schedule

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MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
15:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch	(2:50) Movie "Mission to Mars" (2000) Gary Sinise.	State of the Union With John King	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty Battleground	Designers' Challenge The Soup	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at San Francisco	MLB Baseball: Diamondbacks at Mets
15:30		The Brady Bunch							
16:00	The View	Movie "Shark Tale" (2004, Comedy) Voices of Will Smith, Robert De Niro.	Entertainers	Week-Pentagon Up to the Minute	Oprah Winfrey	Tour of Duty Week-Pentagon	Lost Worlds Reconstructing Jerusalem.	Giants. From AT&T Park in San Francisco. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at San Francisco
16:30									Giants. From AT&T Park in San Francisco. (Same-day Tape)
17:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants			Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy!	VA News	King of the Hill That '70s Show		
17:30		Robot Boy	Entertainment Tonight	Face the Nation	Newsroom	Downrange	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	ESPNNews	
18:00	Judge Alex	Kim Possible			Wall Street Jrm	EXchange on Air	The Colbert Report	Quick Pitch	
18:30	The King of Queens	The Fairly OddParents	Movie "Sahara" (2005, Adventure) Matthew McConaughey, Steve Zahn. Adventurers search for a Confederate ship in Africa.	Fox and Friends First	Around the Services	Army Newswatch	Doctor Who "Gridlock"		WWE SmackDown!
19:00	Access Hollywood	Growing Up Creepie			60 Minutes	Briefing Encore			
19:30	Judge Judy	Hannah Montana		Today	NCIS "Dagger"	Fit For Duty	Reaper Morgan tells Andi about Sam's secret.	SportsCenter	
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Unfabulous				Battleground Recon	Ghost Whisperer "Leap of Faith"		
20:30		Smallville "Justice"		Today	Big Brother 11	Week-Pentagon The Grill Sergeants	Seinfeld "The Soup"	PGA Tour Golf Buick Open -- Final Round. From Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	Party Monsters: Cabo
21:00	General Hospital		(16) The Flight That Fought Back			Briefing Encore	Friends		Important Things-Martin
21:30	Days of our Lives	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Camping Trip"		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Recon Revisited	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Man Show
22:00					The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Today's Air Force			Sports
22:30	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Boysfriends" (Part 1 of 2)	(03) Movie "Broken Arrow" (1996) John Travolta.	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		
23:00									

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	The Fairly OddParents	(11:03) Movie "Broken Arrow" (1996, Action) John Travolta.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	The American Veteran	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	SportsCenter	(11:00) Sports
00:30	Jeopardy!	Growing Up Creepie			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			
1:00	Headline News	Hannah Montana	(12:52) Movie "Money Train" (1995, Action)	Happening Now	Judge Judy	The Grill Sergeants	Criminal Minds A serial bomber terrorizes Seattle.	MLB Baseball Kansas City Royals at Tampa Bay Rays. From Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	WWE SmackDown!
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Unfabulous	Wesley Snipes. A transit cop's foster brother plans a subway robbery.	Newsroom	CSI: NY The CSIs discover the crushed lower half of a body.	Downrange	NCIS The team searches a missing Navy lieutenant's car.		
2:00	60 Minutes	Smallville "Justice"				All Hands TV	Men in Trees "Surprise, Surprise"		
2:30						Recon			
3:00	NCIS A criminal is bent on stealing government secrets.	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Camping Trip"	(2:57) Movie "Sahara" (2005) Matthew McConaughey, Steve Zahn. Adventurers search for a Confederate ship in Africa.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	State Dept Briefing	Men in Trees "Surprise, Surprise"		
3:30						Battleground	Seinfeld "The Soup"	Outside the Lines	Party Monsters: Cabo
4:00	Big Brother 11	7th Heaven "Boysfriends" (Part 1 of 2)		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Around the Services	Friends	College Football Live	
4:30						Today's Air Force	Kiana's Flex Appeal	NFL Live	Important Things-Martin
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	(13) The Flight That Fought Back An account of the heroic acts on Flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2001.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	The American Veteran	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	Jim Rome Is Burning	The Man Show
5:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Bear in the Big Blue House		Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	30-Minute Meals	Around the Horn	Comedy Central Presents
6:00		Sesame Street				Around the Services	Good Eats	Pardon the Interruption	Premium Blend
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Peep-Big World	Entertainers	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Briefing Encore	Get Fresh With Sara Snow	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
7:00		JoJo's Circus		NBC Nightly News		This Week in the Pentagon	The Dan Ho Show		
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Go, Diego, Go!	Entertainment Tonight	World News-Gibson	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet	MLB Baseball	Sports
8:00						Around the Services			
8:30	Judge Judy	My Friends Tigger & Pooh		CBS Evening News	The View	Recon	Mad About You		
9:00	CSI: NY The CSIs discover the crushed lower half of a body.	Aladdin	Movie "The Wrong Girl" (1999, Suspense) Barbara Mandrell, Jonathan Scarfe.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Hannity	State Dept Briefing	Living Single		
9:30						Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Bratz	(45) Movie "The Seventh Sign" (1988, Horror)	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	AFN Europe Report	E! News	Baseball Tonight	Sports
10:30		Animaniacs	Demi Moore. An expectant mother is horrified by a religious prophecy.		The King of Queens	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
11:00	Dr. Phil	Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "Day of the Dove"	SportsCenter	
11:30		Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!			Judge Judy	Around the Services	Roseanne "Trick or Treat"	Baseball Tonight	
12:00	CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	(35) Movie "Mighty Joe Young" (1998) Charlize Theron. A noble 15-foot gorilla rampages through Los Angeles.	Campbell Brown	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Girlfriends "Game Over"	NFL Live	
12:30	ESPNews	SpongeBob SquarePants				Downrange	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Sylvester & Tweety Super Why!		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	AFN Europe Report			
13:30						EXchange on Air			
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Pinky Dinky Doo	(45) Movie "Pay It Forward" (2000, Drama) Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt, Haley Joel Osmert. A classroom assignment inspires a boy to help others.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Design Remix	SportsCenter	
14:30	World News-Gibson	Jakers! The Adventures				Battleground	Curb Appeal		
15:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Today's Air Force	Lost Worlds London's secret bunkers of World War II.	MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Houston Astros. From Minute Maid Park in Houston. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	MTV Hits Playlist
15:30		The Brady Bunch		Tavis Smiley		Recon	King of the Hill		X Play
16:00	The View	Movie "Scooby-Doo and the Witch's Ghost" (1999) Voices of Mary Kay Bergman.		Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	That '70s Show		Punk'd
16:30					Jeopardy!	Downrange	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	The Simpsons	
17:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Martin's Secret's Out	Nightline	Wheel of Fortune	This Week in the Pentagon	The Colbert Report	SportsCenter	Family Guy
17:30		Robot Boy		The O'Reilly Factor	Jeopardy!	Around the Services	Deal or No Deal Contestants get a chance to win money.		WWE Monday Night Raw
18:00	Judge Alex	Kim Possible	What It Takes		NUMB3RS "The Decoy Effect"	Briefing Encore	The Biggest Loser: Families		
18:30	The King of Queens	The Fairly OddParents	Movie "Superhero Movie" (2008, Comedy) Drake Bell, Sara Paxton, Leslie Nielsen.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	The Game	Battleground	The Biggest Loser: Families		
19:00	Access Hollywood	6TEEN		Today	The Office "Company Picnic"	Recon Revisited	Seinfeld	Baseball Tonight	Attack of the Show!
19:30	Judge Judy	Hannah Montana			Sugarland: Live on the Inside	Around the Services	Friends	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.	
20:00	The Young and the Restless	True Jackson, VP	(37) Movie "National Treasure" (2004, Adventure)	America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	USARJ This Week	NFL Live	
20:30		Summerland "On the Last Night of Summer"			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Briefing Encore	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Oakland Athletics.	
21:00	General Hospital	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Wildfire"	(10:55) Movie "Swordfish" (2001, Suspense) John Travolta.	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		
21:30									
22:00	Days of our Lives								
22:30									
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven The Camdens get word of a possible pregnancy.							
23:30									

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	The Fairly OddParents	(10:55) Movie "Swordfish" (2001, Suspense) John Travolta.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	This Week in the Pentagon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Oakland Athletics. From Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum in Oakland, Calif.	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	6TEEN	(40) Movie "Silverado" (1985, Western) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn, Kevin Costner. The paths of four cowboys converge en route to a showdown.		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty	Battlestar Galactica "Sine Qua Non"		Punk'd
1:00	Headline News	Hannah Montana		Happening Now	Judge Judy	Recon	Las Vegas "High Steaks"	SportsCenter	The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	True Jackson, VP		Newsroom	CSI: NY "The Fall"	Around the Services			Family Guy
2:00	NUMB3RS "The Decoy Effect"	Summerland "On the Last Night of Summer"				Downrange			WWE Monday Night Raw
2:30						Today's Air Force			
3:00	The Game	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Wildfire"	(05) Movie "Superhero Movie" (2008, Comedy) Drake Bell, Sara Paxton, Leslie Nielsen.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	State Dept Briefing	The Unit "M.P.s"	SportsCenter	
3:30	The Office "Company Picnic"					Battleground			
4:00	Sugarland: Live on the Inside	7th Heaven The Camdens get word of a possible pregnancy.		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Around the Services	Seinfeld	Outside the Lines	The Salt 'N' Pepa Show
4:30						Recon Revisited	Friends	College Football Live	Snoop Dogg's Father Hood
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	(42) Movie "National Treasure" (2004, Adventure)	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	Army Newswatch	Kiana's Flex Appeal	NFL Live	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
5:30	Tonight Show-Conan O'Brien	Bear in the Big Blue House			Headline News	This Week in the Pentagon	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	Jim Rome Is Burning	

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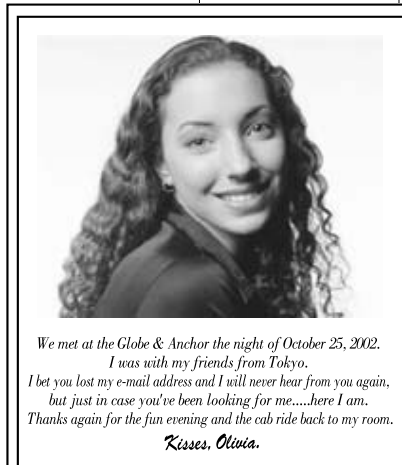
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Yokota, Japan - 1994 Toyota Exiv. Road Tax Paid. JCI expires Feb 11, asking \$800. Car runs outstanding, some minor blemishes. Drove this all over Japan and back and forth to Narita without any problems very dependable. Seats 5. Car is ready to be sold immediately. Call 1-313-347-0276 for more info

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# Lincecum 'struggles' vs. Phils

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Even in a bad outing, Tim Lincecum doesn't give up many runs.

Lincecum pitched eight shut-out innings, lowering his ERA to 2.18, as the San Francisco Giants beat the Philadelphia Phillies 2-0 on Saturday night.

"You can have great rhythm through the game and still get lit up," Lincecum said. "You go out there with confidence in yourself that today is going to be a good day but I didn't know it was going to be like that."

Lincecum (12-3) struck out eight to increase his major-league leading total to 191. He also leads the majors in innings pitched (156<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>).

Brian Wilson got his 27th save when he pitched the ninth to complete a seven-hit shutout. The Giants' 15 shutouts tops the majors.

"It was definitely a team performance today," Wilson said. "(Juan) Uribe coming up big with two RBIs. Tim did a marvelous job yet again. Whatever he seems to do doesn't baffle us. He never ceases to amaze. I'm happy that he allowed me to come in and finish his game out."

The Giants improved to 36-16 (.692) at home, the best home record in the majors.

"Tim did work hard tonight, but against a very, very good lineup, he pitched great," San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy said.

Joe Blanton suffered his first defeat in his past five outings as

the NL East-leading Phillies lost only their 18th road game.

Blanton (7-5) gave up seven hits and two runs in seven innings. He struck out five.

"Blanton stays in there and throws strikes when he has to," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "We couldn't score runs. Blanton was good, and he's been good."

Blanton allowed only one hit until the fifth, when Aaron Rowand doubled, took third on Fred Lewis' infield single and scored on Uribe's sacrifice fly.

In the seventh, Travis Ishikwara reached on his second single of the night, Rowand was hit by a pitch and Ishikwara moved to third on a fly out. Uribe's second sacrifice fly made it 2-0.



JEFF CHIU/AP

**San Francisco's Tim Lincecum reacts after getting Philadelphia slugger Raul Ibanez to fly out for the third out in the eighth inning.**

# Somehow, Cubs slip by Florida

By STEVEN WINE  
The Associated Press

MIAMI — The Chicago Cubs lost ace Carlos Zambrano and slugger Aramis Ramirez to injuries. They blew an early six-run lead, and then a three-run lead one strike from victory. They ran out of players and had Alfonso Soriano changing positions after each batter in the final inning.

Yet they won.

Derrek Lee led off the 10th with a home run Saturday night, and the Cubs beat the relentless but hapless Florida Marlins 9-8.

"It was crazy," Lee said. "Back and forth."

Florida staged an impressive comeback in the ninth but couldn't overcome leaving 14 runners on base, committing three errors and allowing three unearned runs.

The Cubs weren't exactly sharp, either. They also stranded 14, struck out 14 times and gave up nine walks.

"We won," manager Lou Piniella said. "How do you explain that?"

Zambrano was given a 6-0 lead but struggled with his control and left the game because of a stiff back after throwing 62 pitches. The right-hander walked the bases loaded in the first, later hit Hanley Ramirez with a pitch and allowed two runs before departing.

"It's nothing to worry about," Zambrano said. "It's just a tight back. I'll just have to treat it and get ready for my next start."

Florida's Ramirez, who leads the NL with a .343 average, left in the third with a bruised left leg. Chicago's Aramis Ramirez drove in three runs before departing in the 10th when hit in the left forearm by a pitch.

Neither injury was believed to be serious.

Cubs closer Kevin Gregg had an 8-5 lead in the ninth and retired the first two batters before Ronny Paulino connected on a 2-2 pitch for his first career pinch-hit homer. Chris Coghlan and Marlins newcomer Nick Johnson singled, and Emilio Bonifacio's triple tied the score.

Gregg (4-2) retired Jorge Cantu on an inning-ending groundout, and the Cubs quickly regained the lead when Lee hit his 21st homer off Leo Nunez (3-4).

Aaron Heilman earned his first save this year with a perfect 10th to complete the 4-hour, 11-minute game.

"One of the craziest games I've ever been involved in," Marlins manager Fredi Gonzalez said.

Each team used all its position players. Outfielder Soriano was forced to fill in as an emergency infielder in the 10th, when Piniella moved him from second base to third and back to second to reduce the chance the ball would be hit to him.

"They'll think the manager got drunk," Piniella said.

"Thank God they didn't hit me a groundball," Soriano said.

## NL roundup

# Oswalt stand-in Norris blanks Cards

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Bud Norris pitched seven sharp innings in his first major league start, leading the Houston Astros to a 2-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday.

Norris was working on a no-hitter until pitcher Adam Wainwright led off the sixth with a single to center. Norris (1-0) gave up just two hits, walked four and struck out five while subbing for Roy Oswalt, who missed his turn with lower back discomfort.

Wainwright (12-7) allowed two runs over seven innings for the Cardinals, who won the first two games of the weekend series. Wainwright was trying to become the majors' second 13-game winner, joining Boston's Josh Beckett.

Houston went in front when Miguel Tejada drove in Kaz Matsui with an infield hit in the fourth. Matsui doubled and advanced to third on Hunter Pence's single.

Michael Bourn gave the Astros a 2-0 lead with a two-out double in the seventh.

Houston closer Jose Valverde came in to face Albert Pujols after pinch-hitter Ryan Ludwick singled with one out in the eighth. On a 3-2 pitch, Pujols struck out and Ludwick was cut down by Ivan Rodriguez while trying to steal second.

Valverde then worked the ninth for his 12th save in 16 chances.

Pujols went 5-for-27 (.190) with one RBI during St. Louis' seven-game homestand and is only 12-for-58 (.207) over his past 15 games.

Matt Holliday went hitless Sunday for the first time in the 10 games he's played since being traded to the Cardinals July 24.

**Rockies 6, Reds 4 (11):** Dexter Fowler snapped a tie with a two-out triple in the 11th as Colorado completed a three-game sweep. Garrett Atkins added a pinch-hit infield single to help Colorado earn its first victory in five extra-inning games this season, all on the road.

The Rockies extended their

winning streak to four games and sent the Reds to a sixth straight loss and 12th in 13 games.

Chris Iannetta led off the 11th against Nick Masset (4-1) with a single to left and reached second on a wild pitch. Two outs later, Fowler tripled to left-center.

Franklin Morales (3-0) pitched 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings and Huston Street pitched the 11th for his league-leading 28th save.

Colorado starter Jason Marquis allowed two hits over six scoreless innings before giving up Laynce Nix's three-run, game-tying homer in the seventh.

The right-hander allowed four hits with two walks and four strikeouts.

Cincinnati starter Bronson Arroyo left with a no-decision after allowing seven hits and three runs with three walks and a strikeout in seven innings.

Ian Stewart and Troy Tulowitzki homered for Colorado, and Joey Votto also homered for Cincinnati.

**Nationals 5, Pirates 3:** Josh Willingham hit a two-run homer as part of visiting Washington's three-run seventh as the Nationals rallied to snap a four-game skid. Ryan Zimmerman had two hits and scored twice and Alberto Gonzalez had two RBIs for the Nats. Mike MacDougal earned his seventh save in eight opportunities.

Ronny Cedeno and Delwyn Young homered to provide the offense for Pittsburgh, which has lost six of eight.

Willingham's homer to left after Zimmerman led off the inning with a single was his first since hitting two grand slams in Milwaukee on Monday. He has scored at least one run in six of his past seven games and has 11 RBIs in that span.

One out later, Ronnie Belliard and Gonzalez hit consecutive ground-rule doubles to make it 4-2.

The sequence ruined what had been a strong start for Paul Maholm (6-6), who faced only two more than the minimum through

six. He was charged with four runs on seven hits.

**In Saturday games:**  
**Pirates 11, Nationals 6:** Rookie Andrew McCutchen homered three times, doubling his season total, and drove in six runs as Pittsburgh handed Washington its fourth straight loss.

With a chance at a record-tying fourth homer in the eighth, McCutchen grounded into a double play. He also singled and scored on Lastings Milledge's two-run double in the third and finished 4-for-5 with four runs scored.

Each homer came off a different pitcher: Craig Stammen (3-6), and relievers Tyler Clippard and Logan Kensing.

Ramon Vasquez (2-5) got the victory but probably didn't pitch well enough to keep his job. Pittsburgh acquired starter Kevin Hart (3-1) in a trade with the Chicago Cubs on Thursday and said he will enter the rotation.

**Cardinals 3, Astros 1:** Matt Holliday hit two solo homers and Chris Carpenter tossed an eight-hitter for his second complete game of the season.

Holliday connected on the first pitch for each of his homers, hitting a drive to right off Wandy Rodriguez in the second and a shot to center off Jose Valverde in the eighth. He also singled in the fourth and is hitting .606 with 10 RBIs in nine games since being acquired from Oakland July 24.

Carpenter (10-3), who has won five consecutive decisions, struck out five and walked none. He also scored the go-ahead run on Julio Lugo's sacrifice fly off Jeff Fulchino (4-4) in the seventh.

**Braves 4, Dodgers 3:** Derek Lowe pitched six innings in his first game against Los Angeles since he left the Dodgers for Atlanta in the offseason. Lowe (11-7) allowed three runs and five hits to win his fourth straight decision. The right-hander went 54-48 in four seasons with the Dodgers before agreeing to a \$60 million, four-year contract with the Braves in January.

Adam LaRoche had two hits

and scored the tying run in the sixth in his return to Atlanta following Friday's trade from Boston. Chipper Jones went 2 for 4 with two RBIs.

Andre Ethier homered for the second straight day for Los Angeles. Randy Wolf (5-6) gave up four runs and nine hits in six innings.

**Rockies 6, Reds 2:** Ubaldo Jimenez turned in his longest outing in more than a month and Seth Smith homered to help send the host Reds to their fifth consecutive loss. Ian Stewart added a two-run single as Colorado won its third consecutive game following a three-game losing streak.

After allowing a run in each of the first two innings, Jimenez (8-9) strung together six shutout innings. The right-hander finished with five hits and two runs with eight strikeouts.

Homer Bailey (2-3) gave up five runs in 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings.

**Mets 9, Diamondbacks 6:** Angel Pagan hit a tiebreaking grand slam in the eighth inning for the host Mets. Pagan's home run off Clay Zavada (2-3), his first in two injury-plagued seasons with the Mets, produced a career-high five RBIs. Brian Schneider had an RBI double and New York got strong relief work from Pedro Feliciano (4-3).

Justin Upton and Mark Reynolds homered for Arizona.

**Padres 4, Brewers 2:** Ryan Braun's outfield miscue allowed the go-ahead run to score and Clayton Richard was solid for the host Padres in his first start after coming over in the Jake Peavy trade. Braun misplayed a fly ball by pinch hitter Oscar Salazar into a double that allowed the go-ahead run in the sixth as the Padres won their fifth straight.

The Brewers, held to one hit through five innings, tied it 2-2 in the sixth on solo homers by Prince Fielder and Casey McGehee on consecutive pitches.





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**New York Yankees starter CC Sabathia wipes his face during the first inning of Sunday's game against the Chicago White Sox. Sabathia struggled at times but had enough to beat the White Sox 8-5 and prevent a four-game sweep by Chicago.**

# Cabrera's cycle helps Yankees avert sweep

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Melky Cabrera became the 15th Yankees player and the first in 14 years to hit for the cycle, leading New York to an 8-5 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Sunday afternoon to avert a four-game sweep.

Cabrera hit a three-run homer in the second to give the Yankees a 3-0 lead, doubled in the fourth and chased Mark Buehrle (11-5) with an RBI single in the fifth. He then tripled to right leading off the ninth against Scott Linebrink, drawing a loud roar from a crowd that had showered Buehrle with cheers before his first start at home since his perfect game.

This time, the fans saw something rare happen at the plate.

The cycle was the first by a Yankee since Tony Fernandez against Oakland on Sept. 3, 1995, and the second by a White Sox opponent in as many seasons. Minnesota's Carlos Gomez did it on May 7, 2008.

The four hits by Cabrera also tied a career high and lifted the Yankees to a much-needed victory after a 14-4 pounding the previous day left them just a half-game ahead of Boston in the AL East. It also helped them avoid their first four-game sweep by the White Sox in nine years and their first at Chicago since August 1964 and allowed them to prevail despite a shaky start by CC Sabathia (11-7).

What looked like a promising matchup between aces didn't materialize.

Staked to the early lead after Cabrera's 10th homer, Sabathia quickly gave it back in the fourth when Jermaine Dye hit a two-run shot and Jim Thome followed with his 559th homer. The Yankees responded by scoring two each in the fourth and fifth to grab a 7-4 lead, and Sabathia settled down.

It was still a three-run game when Gordon Beckham chased Sabathia with a leadoff double in the eighth, Chicago's 10th hit off Sabathia. Phil Hughes struck out Dye and walked Thome to put runners on first and second, bringing the tying run to the plate. Paul Konerko then struck out before Carlos Quentin hit an RBI single off Mariano Rivera, who had just entered the game, to make it 7-5.

Rivera then pitched a scoreless ninth for his 30th save in 31 chances.

In Saturday's game:

**White Sox 14, Yankees 4:** Jayson Nix walked twice with the bases loaded as Chicago won its third straight over New York by victimizing A.J. Burnett. The White Sox scored six runs in the second off A.J. Burnett and put up six more in the eighth in a 17-hit attack.

Chicago lefty John Danks (9-7) worked six-plus innings for the victory, giving up seven hits and four runs.



ROB CARR/AP

**Josh Beckett scattered six hits in seven innings Saturday night to become the majors' first 13-game winner.**

## V. Martinez paces romp by Red Sox

BY DAVID GINSBURG

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Newcomer Victor Martinez matched a career high with five hits and drove in four runs and Josh Reddick and Rocco Baldelli homered as Boston walloped the Baltimore Orioles 18-10 Sunday to complete a three-game sweep.

It was the fourth straight victory for the Red Sox, whose 23-hit attack included three apiece by Mike Lowell, Kevin Youkilis and Dustin Pedroia. Boston led 7-0 in the third inning and 14-6 in the fourth.

The Red Sox outscored Baltimore 28-15 in completing their first three-game sweep on the road since June 2-4 in Detroit. Youkilis went 10 for 12 with three walks in the series and reached base 13 straight times (10 hits, three walks) before striking out in the eighth.

Obtained Friday in a trade with Cleveland, Martinez singled in a run in the second inning, got two hits as Boston scored seven times in the fourth, singled in the sixth and added an RBI double in the eighth.

Adam Jones and Ty Wigginton homered for the Orioles, now 2-11 against the Red Sox this season.

Boston starter Clay Buchholz gave up seven runs, nine hits and four walks in four-plus innings. He was replaced by Manny Delcarmen (4-2), who allowed two runs in 1 2/3 innings.

In Saturday's game:

**Red Sox 4, Orioles 0:** Dustin Pedroia homered in the first inning, all the offense needed as Josh Beckett became baseball's first 13-game winner. Beckett threw seven innings of six-hit ball. Kevin Youkilis was 4-for-4 with a homer for Boston.

Beckett (13-4) struck out five and walked two. He's 11-2 with a 2.28 ERA since April 30, and hasn't allowed an earned run in seven of his past 13 starts.

## AL roundup

# No-hit bid goes for naught as Royals rally

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — John Buck ended James Shields' bid for a no-hitter with a leadoff single in the eighth inning, and Mitch Maier drove in three runs as the Kansas City Royals beat the Tampa Bay Rays 4-1 on Sunday.

Shields dominated the Royals before Buck's hit started a two-run inning. Pinch-runner Ryan Freel advanced to third when catcher Dioner Navarro made an errant throw to second on Alex Gordon's fielder's choice. Maier then drove him in with an infield single for a 1-0 lead.

Gordon stole home later in the inning when Maier got involved in a rundown.

Brian Bannister (7-7) gave up five hits and struck out seven over seven scoreless innings as the Royals won for the first time in nine games against Tampa Bay this season. Joakim Soria, who allowed a homer to Ben Zobrist in the ninth, pitched the final two innings to pick up his 18th save.

Maier kept the game scoreless by throwing out B.J. Upton trying to score on Evan Longoria's single to center in the sixth. Maier tacked on a two-run single in the ninth.

Shields (6-8) allowed two runs and two hits over 7 1/3 innings to drop to 0-3 in eight starts since beating New York Mets ace Johan Santana 3-1 on June 20. He struck out six and walked four.

Through five innings, Shields allowed just a two-out walk to Yuniesky Betancourt with two out in the third.

The Rays put runners on second and third with one out in the second but Bannister struck out Navarro and got Jason Bartlett to pop up to end the inning.

**Indians 11, Tigers 1:** Carl Pavano (9-8) allowed a run and six hits in eight innings as Cleveland won a weekend series against the AL Central leaders. Asdrubal Cabrera and Grady Sizemore hit two-run homers off Ar-

mando Galarraga (5-10) as Cleveland won for the seventh time in 10 games.

Pavano, 3-0 with a 1.93 ERA against the Tigers this season, struck out four and walked one in his first victory since July 11, when he beat Detroit 5-4.

Galarraga dropped to 0-3 in five starts since defeating Oakland on June 30. The Tigers have lost five of seven overall.

**Angels 13, Twins 4:** Kendry Morales homered twice and had a career-high six RBIs, helping the Angels sweep a three-game series. Jered Weaver (11-3) struck out a career-high 11 in 6 1/3 innings for the Angels (63-40), who have the best record in the American League and have won 13 of their past 15 games.

Morales hit the first of his two three-run shots in the fifth off Glen Perkins (6-7). He connected again in the eighth to give Los Angeles a 13-4 lead.

In Saturday's games:

**Rays 7, Royals 1:** Rookie Jeff Niemann (10-5) gave up four hits and struck out seven over eight innings and Carl Crawford hit a two-run homer for host Tampa Bay. Crawford hit a two-run homer in a four-run eighth that extended the Rays' lead to 7-1.

David DeJesus homered off Niemann for the Royals, who have lost 15 of 18. Kansas City is 0-8 against Tampa Bay this season.

Royals starter Bruce Chen (0-6) gave up three runs and five hits in 6 2/3 innings. The left-hander, who had elbow ligament-replacement surgery in 2007, last won in the majors on Oct. 2, 2005, at Tampa Bay with Baltimore. He's appeared in 53 games, including 20 starts, since then, and is 0-13 over the stretch.

**Mariners 7, Rangers 2:** Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 622nd career home run and Felix Hernandez pitched seven innings for visiting Seattle.

Griffey's three-run shot in the first came off Rangers starter Tommy Hunter, the 400th pitcher he has homered off in his career.

Hernandez (12-4) bounced back from his worst effort of the season to win for the fourth

time in five starts. The right-hander gave up two runs and six hits as Seattle won for the third time in nine games.

Hunter (3-2) came in having gone 3-0 with a 1.11 ERA in his past four outings. The rookie allowed five runs and eight hits in five innings to lose for the first time since June 28.

**Tigers 4, Indians 3 (12):** Ryan Raburn singled in the go-ahead run in the top of the 12th and finished with three hits for visiting Detroit. Jose Veras (4-2) walked Placido Polanco and Clete Thomas to open the 12th before striking out Miguel Cabrera and getting Carlos Guillen to foul out to third. Raburn, batting .167 over the past 13 games, lined a 1-1 pitch to right, scoring Polanco. Veras then batted home Thomas to make it 4-2.

Bobby Seay (2-2) worked a scoreless 11th and Zach Miner gave up a run in the 12th before finishing for his first career save.

**Angels 11, Twins 6:** Kendry Morales, Maicer Izturis and Juan Rivera homered in the sixth inning and Joe Saunders won for the first time in more than a month. The rout spoiled the Minnesota debut of Orlando Cabrera, who went 2-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored a day after being traded from Oakland to shore up the Twins' infield.

Cabrera received a loud ovation during player introductions and his first at-bat. But it was an otherwise quiet night for the host Twins as the Angels had 18 hits a night after getting a season-high 19.

Saunders (9-6) worked six innings, allowing nine hits and four runs. His previous victory was June 24 against Colorado.

**Blue Jays 6, Athletics 5:** Aaron Hill hit a three-run homer and Brett Cecil overcame one bad inning to lead the visiting Blue Jays.

Hill also had an RBI single. With Toronto trailing 4-3, Hill hit a three-run shot off A's rookie Trevor Cahill (6-10) in the fourth inning. That was enough for Cecil (5-1), who gave up four runs in the second inning — but retired the next 15 batters.



MLB scoreboard

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Sports on AFN

**Monday**  
**AFN-Xtra, 7 a.m.**—MLB: Chicago Cubs at Florida (joined in progress).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—MLB: L.A. Dodgers at Atlanta.  
**AFN-Xtra, 1 p.m.**—MLB: Arizona at N.Y. Mets.  
**AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.**—MLB: Philadelphia at San Francisco (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.**—MLB: Milwaukee at San Diego (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**—Golf: PGA Tour, Buick Open, final round (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 p.m.**—Auto racing: IRL IndyCar Series, Meijer Indy 300 (dld).

**Tuesday**  
**AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.**—MLB: Kansas City at Tampa Bay.  
**AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.**—MLB: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati.  
**AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.**—MLB: Baltimore at Detroit.  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**—MLB: Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers.  
**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.**—MLB: San Francisco at Houston (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 11 p.m.**—MLB: Texas at Oakland (dld).

**Wednesday**  
**AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.**—MLB: Colorado at Philadelphia.  
**AFN-Xtra, 8:30 a.m.**—WNBA: New York at Detroit.  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**—MLB: Atlanta at San Diego.  
**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.**—MLB: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**—MLB: L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox (dld).

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Pro soccer

MLS						
Eastern Conference						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	8	3	9	33	29	24
Chicago	8	3	8	32	26	20
D.C.	6	4	10	28	34	32
Toronto FC	7	7	6	27	28	31
New England	6	5	6	24	19	22
Kansas City	5	7	6	21	20	25
New York	2	15	4	10	16	37
Western Conference						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	10	5	5	35	27	17
Seattle	7	3	8	29	26	16
Los Angeles	6	3	10	28	23	20
Colorado	7	6	6	27	28	24
Chivas USA	8	6	3	27	19	15
Real Salt Lake	6	8	5	23	28	24
FC Dallas	5	9	20	28	30	30
San Jose	3	10	5	14	21	35

**Notes:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.  
**Saturday's games**  
New England 1, Toronto FC 1, tie  
Chicago 1, Real Salt Lake 0  
Houston 4, D.C. United 3  
FC Dallas 6, Kansas City 0  
Columbus 1, Colorado 0  
**Sunday's game**  
Seattle FC at San Jose

WPS						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	11	2	5	38	24	6
Saint Louis	9	6	3	30	16	14
Washington	7	7	5	26	29	31
Boston	7	8	4	25	17	18
Sky Blue FC	6	7	7	23	16	17
Chicago	4	9	5	17	15	22
FC Gold Pride	4	9	5	17	16	25

**NOTE:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.  
**Saturday's games**  
FC Gold Pride 3, Washington 2  
Saint Louis 1, Boston 0  
**Sunday's game**  
Los Angeles at Chicago

Pro basketball

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	14	4	.778	—
Washington	10	8	.556	4
Atlanta	10	10	.500	5
Chicago	10	10	.500	5
Connecticut	9	9	.500	5
Detroit	6	9	.400	6½
New York	6	12	.333	8
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	15	6	.714	—
Seattle	12	7	.632	2
Minnesota	10	10	.500	4½
San Antonio	8	10	.444	5½
Los Angeles	6	10	.375	6½
Sacramento	5	16	.238	10

**Saturday's games**  
Atlanta 89, New York 83  
Chicago 84, Connecticut 77  
Phoenix 87, Minnesota 74  
Seattle 85, San Antonio 82, OT  
Los Angeles 59, Sacramento 56  
**Sunday's games**  
Indiana at Washington  
Connecticut at Detroit  
**Monday's games**  
No games scheduled

Auto racing

**Kentucky 300**  
**IRL IndyCar Series**  
**Saturday**  
**At Kentucky Speedway**  
**Sparta, Ky.**  
**Lap length: 1.5 miles**  
**(Starting position in parentheses)**  
1. (3) Ryan Briscoe, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
2. (14) Ed Carpenter, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
3. (9) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
4. (4) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
5. (10) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
6. (2) Danio Franchitti, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
7. (1) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
8. (5) Danica Patrick, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
9. (20) Will Power, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
10. (6) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
11. (7) Dan Wheldon, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
12. (22) Sarah Fisher, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
13. (11) Hideki Mutoh, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
14. (17) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda, 197, Running  
15. (18) E.J. Viso, Dallara-Honda, 197, Running  
16. (13) Raphael Matos, Dallara-Honda, 196, Running  
17. (19) Mike Conway, Dallara-Honda, 192, Running  
18. (16) Mario Moraes, Dallara-Honda, 188, Running  
19. (12) Robert Doornbos, Dallara-Honda, 185, Running  
20. (15) Milka Duno, Dallara-Honda, 165, Running  
21. (8) Justin Wilson, Dallara-Honda, 120, Mechanical  
22. (3) Tomas Scheckter, Dallara-Honda, 59, Mechanical  
23. (21) Jaques Lazier, Dallara-Honda, 43, Mechanical

**Race Statistics**  
**Winner's average speed:** 200.893 mph  
**Time of race:** 1:28:24.3246  
**Margin of victory:** 0.0162 of a second  
**Cautions:** 1 caution flags for 6 laps  
**Lead changes:** 20 among 7 drivers  
**Lap leaders:** Dixon 1-48, Briscoe 49-50, Dixon 51-96, Briscoe 97-98, Dixon 99, Briscoe 100-104, Castroneves 105-106 Briscoe 107-123, Power 124-136, Carpenter 137, Power 138-141, Carpenter 142, Power 143, Carpenter 144, Power 145-155, Carpenter 156-174, Kanaan 175, Briscoe 176-177, Patrick 178-179 Carpenter 180-191, Briscoe 192-200.  
**Point standings:** Briscoe 416, Dixon 408, Franchitti 405, Castroneves 341, Patrick 309, Andretti 279, Wheldon 274, Kanaan 274, Rahal 265, Wilson 253.

**U.S. Cellular 250**  
**NASCAR Nationwide Series**  
**Saturday**  
**At Iowa Speedway**  
**Newtown, Iowa**  
**Lap length: .875 miles**  
**(Start position in parentheses)**  
1. (11) Brad Keselowski, Chevrolet, 250 laps, 149 rating, 195 points, \$154,743.  
2. (27) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 250, 127.1, 175, \$59,600.  
3. (15) Jason Leffler, Toyota, 250, 107.2, 165, \$58,368.  
4. (40) Carl Edwards, Ford, 250, 98, 160, \$37,100.  
5. (12) Kelly Bires, Toyota, 250, 99.6, 155, \$40,093.  
6. (13) Jason Keller, Ford, 250, 92.2, 150, \$35,543.  
7. (24) Kenny Wallace, Chevrolet, 250, 83.8, 146, \$33,428.  
8. (9) Michael McDowell, Dodge, 250, 79.2, 142, \$27,320.  
9. (17) Scott Lagasse Jr., Toyota, 250, 83, 138, \$31,293.  
10. (6) Stephen Leicht, Chevrolet, 250, 88.4, 134, \$31,168.  
11. (36) Michael Annett, Toyota, 250, 76.8, 130, \$29,843.  
12. (25) Benny Gordon, Ford, 250, 72, 127, \$22,825.  
13. (5) Brad Coleman, Toyota, 250, 95.3, 124, \$29,168.  
14. (10) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 250, 85, 126, \$30,743.  
15. (2) Justin Allgaier, Dodge, 250, 116.4, 123, \$28,018.  
16. (20) John Borneman III, Ford, 250,

53.3, 115, \$21,850.  
17. (8) Steve Wallace, Chevrolet, 249, 92.9, 112, \$27,343.  
18. (18) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, 249, 61.2, 109, \$27,093.  
19. (43) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, 249, 62.5, 106, \$20,400.  
20. (39) Eric McClure, Ford, 249, 48.4, 103, \$27,493.  
21. (37) Matthew Carter, Ford, 248, 48.6, 100, \$26,518.  
22. (1) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 248, 76.7, 102, \$29,493.  
23. (3) Erik Darnell, Ford, 247, 100.8, 94, \$26,643.  
24. (33) Danny O'Quinn Jr., Chevrolet, 245, 56.9, 91, \$26,118.  
25. (21) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 244, 66, 85, \$26,143.  
26. (4) Trevor Bayne, Toyota, 244, 83.8, 85, \$25,868.  
27. (38) Sean Murphy, Dodge, 222, 41.5, 82, \$25,743.  
28. (16) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, accident, 211, 47.1, 79, \$19,150.  
29. (30) John Wes Townley, Ford, 205, 31.7, 76, \$19,025.  
30. (34) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 195, 80.3, 73, \$19,200.  
31. (7) Scott Wimmer, Chevrolet, engine, 168, 92.8, 70, \$18,745.  
32. (29) Brian Ickler, Toyota, accident, 165, 68.6, 67, \$25,078.  
33. (23) Ken Butler, Chevrolet, accident, 108, 57.2, 64, \$18,500.  
34. (28) Aric Almirola, Chevrolet, accident, 74, 55.1, 61, \$24,858.  
35. (22) Casey Atwood, Chevrolet, accident, 37, 42.3, 58, \$18,285.  
36. (41) Jeff Fuller, Chevrolet, overheating, 31, 38.5, \$24,643.  
37. (31) Kertus Davis, Chevrolet, brakes, 26, 36, 52, \$18,065.  
38. (19) Mark Green, Chevrolet, brakes, 21, 40.2, 49, \$17,985.  
39. (33) Kevin Lepage, Dodge, rear end, 19, 34.6, 46, \$17,870.  
40. (32) Chase Miller, Chevrolet, brakes, 9, 34.4, 43, \$17,755.  
41. (26) Coleman Pressley, Toyota, engine, 8, 32.8, 40, \$24,058.  
42. (14) Johnny Chapman, Chevrolet, overheating, 7, 34.6, 37, \$17,475.  
43. (42) Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, brakes, 6, 29.9, 34, \$17,361.

**Race Statistics**  
**Average Speed of Race Winner:** 91.858 mph.  
**Time of Race:** 2 hours, 22 minutes, 53 seconds.  
**Margin of Victory:** 0.515 seconds.  
**Cautions:** 12 for 56 laps.  
**Lead Changes:** 9 among 5 drivers.  
**Lap Leaders:** R.Stenhouse Jr. 1-7; J.Allgaier 8-42; B.Keselowski 43-76; M.Bires 77-79; K.Busch 80-104; B.Keselowski 105-146; K.Busch 147-188; B.Keselowski 189-224; K.Busch 225-241; B.Keselowski 242-250.  
**Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led):** B.Keselowski, 4 times for 121 laps; K.Busch, 3 times for 84 laps; J.Allgaier, 1 time for 35 laps; R.Stenhouse Jr., 1 time for 7 laps; M.Bliss, 1 time for 3 laps.  
**Top 10 in Points:** 1. K.Busch, 3,471; 2. C.Edwards, 3,264; 3. Bra.Keselowski, 3,099; 4. J.Leffler, 2,955; 5. J.Allgaier, 2,493; 6. M.Bliss, 2,479; 7. S.Wallace, 2,423; 8. J.Logano, 2,395; 9. J.Keller, 2,394; 10. B.Gaughan, 2,365.

**Toyota Tundra 200**  
**NASCAR Camping World Truck Series**  
**Saturday**  
**At Nashville Superspeedway**  
**Lebanon, Tenn.**  
**Lap length: 1.333 miles**  
**(Start position in parentheses)**  
1. (4) Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 154 laps, 149.8 rating, 195 points, \$44,050.  
2. (3) Brian Scott, Toyota, 154, 113.6, 170, \$36,920.  
3. (2) Colin Braun, Ford, 154, 101.7, 165, \$23,590.  
4. (1) Timothy Peters, Toyota, 154, 126.1, 165, \$16,880.  
5. (7) Matt Crafton, Chevrolet, 154, 100.7, 155, \$15,780.  
6. (10) Johnny Sauter, Chevrolet, 154, 99.8, 150, \$12,225.  
7. (17) Rick Crawford, Ford, 154, 88, 146, \$10,655.  
8. (23) Dennis Setzer, Chevrolet, 154, 85, 142, \$10,605.  
9. (5) Brad Taylor, Malsam, Toyota, 154, 75.3, 138, \$10,505.  
10. (12) T.J. Bell, Toyota, 154, 94.7, 134, \$11,805.  
11. (11) Travis Kvapil, Toyota, 154, 84.5, 130, \$10,380.  
12. (18) Blake Feese, Toyota, 154, 71.5,

127, \$10,280.  
13. (6) Todd Bodine, Toyota, 154, 105.7, 124, \$10,230.  
14. (15) Mike Skinner, Toyota, 154, 71.7, 121, \$10,205.  
15. (20) Stacy Compton, Toyota, 154, 65.9, 118, \$11,480.  
16. (14) Jason White, Dodge, 154, 72.7, 120, \$10,030.  
17. (16) James Buescher, Ford, 154, 61.3, 112, \$9,980.  
18. (9) David Starr, Toyota, 154, 73, 109, \$9,930.  
19. (5) Terry Cook, Toyota, 153, 94.2, 106, \$8,630.  
20. (33) Jason Young, Chevrolet, 152, 48, 103, \$9,280.  
21. (19) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 152, 58.1, 100, \$7,255.  
22. (29) Norm Benning, Chevrolet, 147, 38.4, 97, \$7,180.  
23. (8) J.R. Fitzpatrick, Chevrolet, 76, 59.2, 94, \$7,130.  
24. (30) Wayne Edwards, Chevrolet, vibration, 65, 36.3, 91, \$7,080.  
25. (28) Wes Burton, Chevrolet, engine, 63, 41.5, 0, \$7,055.  
26. (25) Mario Gosselin, Chevrolet, accident, 50, 49.8, 85, \$7,005.  
27. (21) Tommy Joe Martins, Ford, accident, 49, 48.4, 82, \$6,980.  
28. (32) Brandon Knapp, Chevrolet, brakes, 16, 32.6, 79, \$6,955.  
29. (22) Ryan Mathews, Dodge, vibration, 10, 43.4, 76, \$6,930.  
30. (26) John Jackson, Chevrolet, electrical, 9, 41, 73, \$7,415.  
31. (27) Nick Tucker, Dodge, vibration, 8, 35.2, 70, \$6,905.  
32. (34) Butch Miller, Chevrolet, 7, 30.2, 67, \$6,890.  
33. (31) Danny Efland, Chevrolet, 6, 27.6, 0, \$6,865.  
34. (24) Shane Sieg, Chevrolet, overheating, 5, 34.4, 61, \$6,840.

**Race Statistics**  
**Average Speed of Race Winner:** 118.146 mph.  
**Time of Race:** 1 hour, 44 minutes, 17 seconds.  
**Margin of Victory:** 0.944 seconds.  
**Cautions:** 6 for 28 laps.  
**Lead Changes:** 3 among 3 drivers.  
**Lap Leaders:** T.Peters 1-33; R.Hornaday Jr. 34-85; J.White 86-91; R.Hornaday Jr. 92-154.  
**Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led):** R.Hornaday Jr., 2 times for 115 laps; T.Peters, 1 time for 33 laps; J.White, 1 time for 6 laps.  
**Top 10 in Points:** 1. R.Hornaday Jr., 2,293; 2. M.Crafton, 2,077; 3. M.Skinner, 2,045; 4. T.Bodine, 1,927; 5. B.Scott, 1,920; 6. D.Starr, 1,867; 7. T.Malsam, 1,831; 8. D.Setzer, 1,815; 9. C.Braun, 1,804; 10. R.Crawford, 1,785.

Deals

**Saturday's transactions**  
**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**BOSTON RED SOX**—Added 1B Casey Kotchman and C-1B Victor Martinez to the roster. Placed C George Kottaras on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 30. Optioned RHP Marcus McBeth to Pawtucket (IL).  
**CHICAGO WHITE SOX**—Recalled RHP Johnny Nunez from Charlotte (IL). Optioned INF Brent Lillibridge to Charlotte.  
**CLEVELAND INDIANS**—Added RHP Justin Masterson to the roster. Recalled RHP Jensen Lewis from Columbus (IL). Designated LHP Mike Gosling and RHP Winston Abreu for assignment.  
**MINNESOTA TWINS**—Optioned INF Brian Buscher to Rochester (IL). Added SS Orlando Cabrera to the active roster.  
**NEW YORK YANKEES**—Optioned INF Shelley Duncan to Scranton/Wilkes Barre (IL).  
**TAMPA BAY RAYS**—Signed RHP Jeff Bennett. Optioned RHP Joe Nelson to Durham (IL). Released LHP James Houser.  
**TORONTO BLUE JAYS**—Added 3B Edwin Encarnacion and RHP Josh Roenicke to the active roster. Optioned RHP Jeremy Accardo to Las Vegas (PCL).

Tennis

**Bank of the West Classic**  
**Saturday**  
**At Stanford, Calif.**  
**Purse: \$700,000 (Premier)**  
**Surface: Hard-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Semifinals**  
Venus Williams (2), United States, def. Elena Dementieva (3), Russia, 6-0, 6-1.  
Marion Bartoli (8), France, def. Samantha Stosur, Australia, 6-3, 1-6, 6-1.  
**L.A. Open**  
**Saturday**  
**At Los Angeles**  
**Purse: \$700,000 (WT250)**  
**Surface: Hard-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Semifinals**  
Carsten Ball, Australia, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 7-5, 7-6 (3).  
Sam Querrey (6), United States, def. Tommy Haas (1), Germany, 6-3, 7-5.

**Swiss Open**  
**Sunday**  
**At Roy Emerson Arena**  
**Gstaad, Switzerland**  
**Purse: \$639,000 (WT250)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Championship**  
Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, def. Andreas Beck, Germany, 6-4, 7-6 (2).  
**Doubles**  
**Championship**  
Marco Chiudinelli and Michael Lammer, Switzerland, def. Jaroslav Levinsky, Czech Republic, and Filip Polasek (1), Slovakia, 7-5, 6-3.

**Istanbul Cup**  
**Sunday**  
**At Istanbul**  
**Purse: \$220,000 (Intl.)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Final**  
Vera Dushevina (5), Russia, def. Lucie Hradecka (8), Czech Republic, 6-0, 6-1.

**Croatia Open**  
**Sunday**  
**At ITC Stella Maris**  
**Umag, Croatia**  
**Purse: \$66,000 (WT250)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Championship**  
Nikolay Davydenko (1), Russia, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero (5), Spain, 6-3, 6-0.  
**Doubles**  
**Championship**  
Frantisek Cermak, Czech Republic, and Michal Mertinak (1), Slovakia, def. Johan Brunstrom, Sweden, and Jean-Julien Rojer (2), Netherlands Antilles, 6-4, 6-4.

**National League**  
**ATLANTA BRAVES**—Optioned 1B Barba Canizares to Gwinnett (IL).  
**COLORADO ROCKIES**—Added LHP Joe Beimel to the active roster. Placed RHP Juan Rincon on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 31.  
**FLORIDA MARLINS**—Optioned OF Brett Carroll and INF Gaby Sanchez to New Orleans (PCL). Activated RHP Matt Lindstrom from the 15-day DL. Added 1B Nick Johnson to the active roster.  
**ST. LOUIS CARDINALS**—Activated SS Khalil Greene from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Mitchell Boggus to Memphis (PCL).  
**SAN DIEGO PADRES**—Added LHP Clayton Richard to the active roster. Optioned RHP Josh Geer to Portland (PCL).  
**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**—Added 2B Freddy Sanchez to the active roster. Recalled RHP Waldis Joaquin from Connecticut (IL). Optioned 1B Jesus Guzman and RHP Ray Sadowski to Fresno (PCL).  
**TAMPA BAY RAYS**—Optioned OF Elijah Dukes from Syracuse (IL). Purchased the contract of RHP Jorge Sosa from Syracuse.  
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER**—Signed G Kevin Ollie.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**ARIZONA CARDINALS**—Agreed to terms with RB Beanie Wells on a five-year contract. Released TE Alex Shor.  
**BALTIMORE RAVENS**—WR Derrick Mason returned from retirement.  
**HOUSTON TEXANS**—Agreed to terms with LB Brian Cushing.  
**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS**—Signed DT Fili Moala and WR Austin Collie.  
**NEW YORK GIANTS**—Agreed to terms with WR Hakeem Nicks on a five-year contract. Waived DB Steve Gargile.  
**TENNESSEE TITANS**—Agreed to terms with WR Kenny Britt.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**BUFFALO SABRES**—Agreed to terms with C Cody McCormick on a one-year contract.  
**PITTSBURGH PENGUINS**—Re-signed G John Curry to a two-year contract.

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## Sports briefs

# Second autopsy on Gatti doesn't rule out homicide

The Associated Press

MONTREAL — A second autopsy performed at the request of former boxer Arturo Gatti's family did not rule out homicide in his death.

Michael Baden, the former chief pathologist for the New York State Police and host of the HBO TV show "Autopsy," said Saturday that an autopsy performed by Quebec coroners found that an investigation by Brazilian authorities was incomplete.

The second autopsy came two days after Brazilian police classified Gatti's death a suicide.

"There were definite injuries that had not been seen by the Brazilian authorities, but one needs a lot of additional information, including a toxicology which isn't available yet, to come to a conclusion as to whether it's homicide or suicide," Baden said.

Until Thursday, police in the northeastern Brazilian city of Recife considered Gatti's death a homicide and held his wife, Amanda Rodrigues, as the prime suspect. Now, police say Gatti hanged himself with a handbag strap from a staircase column more than seven feet off the ground.

Gatti's family has rejected the conclusion that he committed suicide at an upscale resort in Brazil on July 11.

Following the autopsy, Baden said it was apparent that the Brazilian investigation was incomplete.

Toxicology tests will take place in Montreal in the coming weeks.

Gatti, a Canadian who captured two world titles in his 16-year pro career, retired in 2007 with a record of 40-9.

Gatti's wife, 23, was released last week after being held since July 12.

Also:

■ Timothy Bradley defended his WBO 140-pound title by battering Nate Campbell, opening a bloody cut that forced the fight to be stopped after three rounds at Rancho Mirage, Calif. Bradley (25-0, 12 KOs) rode the energy of his hometown crowd in a dynamic three-round performance.

■ Devon Alexander won the WBC 140-pound title when Junior Witter quit before the ninth round of their bout for the vacant belt at Rancho Mirage, Calif. Alexander (19-0, 12 KOs) turned in a fundamentally solid performance against the unorthodox Witter.

## Report: Red Sox fire staffers after steroid investigation

BOSTON — A Boston newspaper reported that the Red Sox fired two security staffers last summer after an investigation into steroid use.

Jared Remy, the son of Red Sox

TV commentator Jerry Remy, and Nicholas Alex Cyr told the Boston Globe they used steroids, but denied any knowledge of drug use by players.

The Red Sox issued a statement saying they worked with Major League Baseball in investigating the staffers, but said that investigation is confidential. Major League Baseball said its investigation was "thorough and detailed."

The Globe said state police confiscated a vial of steroids from Cyr's car just before last year's All-Star break, and Cyr told police he bought the drug from Remy.

■ The Oakland Athletics retired Rickey Henderson's No. 24 on Saturday night, honoring the prolific leadoff hitter less than a week after he was inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame. Henderson became the fifth Oakland player to have his number retired by the team, joining Dennis Eckersley (43), Rollie Fingers (34), Catfish Hunter (27) and Reggie Jackson (9).

## Rain postpones Sprint Cup race

LONG POND, Pa. — The Sprint Cup race at Pocono Raceway was postponed because of rain and rescheduled for noon Monday.

Heavy rain hit the track Sunday morning. It let up about an hour before the 2 p.m. start and the sky brightened for driver introductions. The rain returned about 3:30 and soaked the track again. There was light rain the rest of the afternoon, forcing the postponement.

## Soul Warrior upsets Mine That Bird

CHESTER, W.Va. — Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird's classic finishing kick wasn't strong enough in the West Virginia Derby.

Mine That Bird finished third behind long-shot winner Soul Warrior and Big Drama in Saturday's \$750,000 race, the 3-year-old gelding's first start since a third-place finish in the Belmont Stakes two months ago.

The Derby winner wasn't even the favorite for the 1 1/8-mile West Virginia Derby, with Big Drama the betting choice at 4-5.

But it was 23-1 shot Soul Warrior — with substitute jockey Dale Beckner aboard — who powered past Big Drama in the final strides for a neck victory at Mountaineer Casino Racetrack & Resort. Mine That Bird, the even-money second choice, made a bid in the stretch but was unable to catch the leaders and was 1 1/2 lengths behind Big Drama.



JIM HANNON/AP

More than 10 years after his abrupt exit from Auburn, where he rose fast and fell faster, Terry Bowden is back coaching college football. He'll lead Division II North Alabama this fall.

# Terry Bowden: coach again

What a long, strange trip it's been from Auburn to North Alabama

By JOHN ZENOR

The Associated Press

FLORENCE, Ala. — The failure was sudden and dramatic, and it accomplished the seemingly impossible: sucking the energy and self-confidence from Terry Bowden.

Bowden's abrupt exit from Auburn's football team nearly 11 years ago left the unabashedly ambitious, ultraconfident coach full of self-doubt.

"I think I suppressed so much depression and just unhappiness," said Bowden, preparing for his first season coaching at Division II North Alabama. "You wake up for at least 30-45 minutes every day and say, 'Could I have done something different? How did that happen?'"

"It crushed me. I was probably unable to handle that degree of failure to the degree that it crushed me."

It kept the onetime coaching wunderkind, who won his first 20 games as a major college coach, sidelined for nearly a decade, relegated to the comparatively safe world of TV studios, broadcasting booths and computer keyboards.

Now he's back. Back in the state where he gained fame and eventually infamy, but far removed from Auburn and the powerful Southeastern Conference. Mostly, he's just back coaching.

At 53, Bowden has taken over a Division II power tucked away in the northwest corner of the state, a four-hour drive from Auburn. Unlike the down-and-out programs he took over during a rapid ascent through the coaching ranks, the Lions have won 10 games a season lately and made the national semifinals last year.

"Now, he's gotten to one that's on top," said Bowden's father, Florida State coach Bobby Bowden. "It's harder to maintain than to build."

That's why Bowden calls this "the most professionally challenging job I've ever had."

He has worked as a radio talk show host, ABC studio analyst, Westwood One broadcaster, Internet columnist and motivational speaker during his absence from the sidelines.

Then he turned 50 and started wondering, "Is this what I want to

do the rest of my life?"

"I wanted to coach again and then I really wanted to coach again and that created the fire," Bowden said. "And that got everything going. That's what made everything happen. It's just the very normal male thing of reaching 50 and looking in the mirror."

He interviewed at his alma mater, West Virginia, but assistant Bill Stewart got the job to replace Rich Rodriguez.

Then he was broadcasting the Division II national championship game in Florence and somebody slipped him a note asking if he'd be interested in coaching at North Alabama.

Thus began the second act of a head coaching career that started at age 26 and took him to the SEC by 36.

He led probation-racked Auburn to 11 victories in 1993, one more than the Tigers had the previous two seasons combined. They wouldn't lose until 10 games into the following season.

That idyllic beginning didn't lead to a happy ending.

The 1998 season was a disaster, with injuries, academic problems and other off-field issues for Bowden's players. The Tigers started 1-5 and Bowden resigned, maintaining that he bolted only after influential trustee Bobby Lowder told him he would be fired.

He moved to Orlando, Fla., and seldom returned to the state for speaking engagements. When Bowden began trying to get back into coaching, he figured Alabama was the last place he'd end up.

Florence, with a population of about 37,000, is closer to the Mississippi and Tennessee borders than to Auburn, though.

"It's not in the epicenter of controversy, [where] it's just 365 days of bitter rivalry," Bowden said.

He said Auburn fans have received him warmly, and that is nice because "I never could quite say goodbye."

Bowden still has the energy for coaching. With his family in Orlando, where they're trying to sell their house, he has spent many nights on the couch in his office.

Jeff Bowden, a UNA assistant and former Florida State offensive coordinator, said his older

brother frequently sends text messages at 4 a.m. to staffers.

"What scares me about Terry, I never thought the batteries could get more charged than they are," Jeff Bowden said. "I've never seen a coach like him that just went after everything, there was nothing he couldn't do."

"Now magnify that by five. He's so hungry. It's like 10 years off, those batteries are supercharged. He's just working at a pace that's tough to be around because it's tough to hang with."

He calls Terry "the best football coach in our family, with the exception of maybe Dad." Brother Tommy is a former head coach at Clemson and Tulane.

Bowden has his 1993 Bear Bryant national coach of the year award prominently on the desk in his outer office, with two UNA purple and gold ties wrapped around it.

He was the first Division I coach in more than five decades to reach 100 victories before his 40th birthday. And Bowden, perhaps the coaching family's biggest Type A personality, was calculating how many victories he'd need to average to pass Bryant's record for major college triumphs, since eclipsed by his father and Penn State's Joe Paterno.

Quick turnarounds at Salem College, Samford and Auburn hardly prepared him to cope with major setbacks.

"I think I set myself up to be devastated when something came in that was too big for me to handle," Bowden said. "Of all us, I was the personality that would hurt the most. I was the 5-5 guy that was proving something every minute."

Bowden said he isn't necessarily looking at North Alabama as a launching pad back into a more high-profile gig or taking success for granted.

"I'm realistic enough to know they have fired coaches here for not winning," he said. "And if I win a lot, somebody might come along and offer me money that I'll really have a hard time turning down. But I'm not here to move on. I've been to Division I."

Plus, he added: "I'm 53, and a man at 53 sees life and objectives and satisfactions a little different than a guy of 36."



## Racing roundup

## Briscoe edges Carpenter in rare IRL thriller

The Associated Press

SPARTA, Ky. — IndyCar simply wanted a better show.

Ryan Briscoe and Ed Carpenter gave the series a little bit more than that.

Briscoe slipped past the upstart Carpenter yards from the finish to take the Kentucky 300 on Saturday night, winning by 0.162 seconds following a 10-lap duel that provided the kind of thrills that have been lacking during a mostly listless season.

"I don't know if I've ever been so excited at the end of a race," said Briscoe, who moved into the series points lead with his second victory of the year. "It was very hard-fought out there. It was a big win for me."

It was a victory for the series, too, which implemented a handful of changes earlier in the week in an effort to spice things up following a string of ho-hum races that produced more yawns than memorable moments.

Carpenter almost gave the series a victory for the ages.

The hard-luck driver for Vision Racing nearly picked up his first career victory in his 94th start. He took the lead from Will Power with about 45 laps to go and held his ground despite racing in largely unfamiliar territory. Carpenter entered the race having led just four laps his entire career. He led 34 on Saturday.

"I was just trying to run as hard as I could and stay up front," Carpenter said after the first podium finish of his career. "It's just been a tough year and I was hoping this was going to be a breakout race and we could get our season turned around."

So did the series, which could benefit from the kind of side-by-side racing that highlighted the final stages. Having a trouble-free race helped. Thanks to just one caution flag, the average speed was 200.893 mph, the second-fastest in series history.

"They did their job and we did our job and that's it," said Tony Kanaan, who finished third a week after sustaining superficial first-degree burns in a cockpit fire in Edmonton. "The people who were expecting us to fail are probably disappointed right now. The old IRL is back. We'll have some exciting races on the superspeedways again."

It's what the series had in mind when it decided to give teams a little more wiggle room to fiddle with their cars.

None of the modifications made a bigger impact than the "Push to Pass" button.

The feature, a form of which was previously used in the Champ Car series, gave drivers up to 20 extra horsepower when pushed depending on their fuel mixture.

Drivers were limited to 20 pushes a race, and Carpenter went to the button early to make up ground. He had little trouble



Ed REINKE/AP

Ryan Briscoe (6) edges Ed Carpenter (20) by .0162 second to win the IndyCar Series Meijer Indy 300 at the Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, Ky., on Saturday.

moving up from his 14th starting position, though even he was a little surprised by his ability to hang with the leaders. At one point he radioed to his team that he never thought he'd get to race so close to a Team Penske car like the one driven by Briscoe.

Briscoe is used to such battles, but he seemed to be out of it after scraping the wall on lap 129.

No biggie. He kept pecking away, eventually getting into a four-car breakaway with Carpenter, Kanaan and Helio Castroneves.

The cars in the pack stayed within a few lengths of one another over the final dozen laps, with Briscoe riding up front just off the outside of Carpenter.

Carpenter did his best to hold the line, but Briscoe kept finding a way to nip him at the start/finish line. Briscoe's secret? The button.

"I would time my push-to-pass button so I would get the extra power through Turns 3 and 4," he said. "I was just jumping in my seat trying to get in front of him across the finish line. It just worked out perfectly."

Barely. Carpenter kept edging out a little farther up the track over the last five laps hoping to buy an extra couple of inches.

"It was tough," Briscoe said. "I didn't

know if I was imagining it or Ed Carpenter's line was getting wider and wider every lap. Roger [Penske] was in my ear saying 'harder, harder.'"

The victory catapulted Briscoe into the points lead with five races remaining and ended a frustrating stretch during which he finished second five times since his season-opening victory at St. Petersburg.

"Briscoe needed this one. He's been second, second, second," Penske said. "It's a great day for us."

It wasn't such a great day for pole sitter Scott Dixon, who entered the race with a small lead over Briscoe and Chip Ganassi Racing teammate Dario Franchitti.

Dixon dominated the first half of the race but slipped back following a caution on lap 123. Anxious to make up ground, he broke too early on the restart and was forced to give the spots back by race officials. The penalty seemed to sap his momentum and he finished seventh.

**NASCAR Nationwide Series:** The inaugural Nationwide Series race at Iowa Speedway came down to a two-man battle between points leader Kyle Busch and top series regular Brad Keselowski.

In a twist that's becoming all too com-

mon for Busch, he was forced to settle for yet another second-place finish Saturday.

Keselowski passed Busch with eight laps left with a gutsy move down the stretch and held on for his fourth career victory. Keselowski stayed on the track during a caution period late in the race, a risk that paid off with his second victory of the year.

Keselowski also won at Dover on May 30, in addition to a Sprint Cup Series victory at Talladega in April.

"I couldn't have asked for a better finish," Keselowski said. "It's lot more fun to say I beat Kyle heads-up. That means a lot to me."

Busch, who started at the back after spending the morning in Pennsylvania practicing for Sunday's Sprint Cup race at Pocono, led for 84 laps. He has nine consecutive top-two finishes, tying the series record set by Jack Ingram in 1983.

Busch wasn't all that thrilled about such a distinction. It was the fourth time in five Nationwide races that Busch finished second, though he still has a 207-point edge over Carl Edwards in the points race.

"Apparently, I don't know what I need in my race cars in order to win these races at the end of them," Busch said. "It's a frustrating day."

Jason Leffler was third, followed by Edwards and Kelly Bires.

**NASCAR Camping World Trucks:** Ron Hornaday Jr. raced to his record fifth straight truck victory, easily holding off Brian Scott in a green-white-checker finish Saturday night at Nashville Superspeedway in Gladeville, Tenn.

"Five! Can you believe that?" the 51-year-old Hornaday said.

The Kevin Harvick Inc. driver has six victories this year to push his series-record total to 44 in 239 career starts. He also has a record three season titles.

Hornaday became the third driver in NASCAR's three national series to win as many as five races in a row. In Sprint Cup, Richard Petty won 10 races in a row in 1967 and five straight in 1971, and Bobby Allison also won five straight in 1971.

"This is unbelievable. You can never compare to The King (Petty) and Bobby Allison, but this is an honor to just be in the same book as they are," Hornaday said.

Hornaday passed first-time pole-sitter Timothy Peters on the 34th lap of the 150-lap event on the 1.333-mile concrete oval, and led a race-high 115 laps.

The start was delayed about 35 minutes while rain moved through the area. Then on lap 102, the caution flag waved as rain pelted the grandstands. NASCAR deemed the track surface to be safe and the race went green on lap 105.

Terry Cook spun and hit the wall in turn two with two laps to go, forcing the green-white-checker finish.

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## Golf scoreboard

## U.S. Senior Open

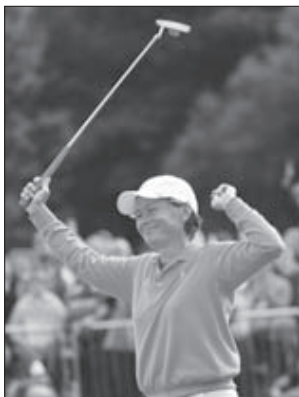
Saturday  
At Crooked Stick Golf Club  
Carmel, Ind.  
Purse: \$2.6 million  
Yardage: 7,316; Par 72  
Third Round  
(a-amateur)

Fred Funk	68-67-68-203	-13
Greg Norman	66-70-68-204	-12
Joey Sindelar	66-68-70-204	-12
A-Tim Jackson	66-67-73-205	-10
Mark O'Meara	70-69-68-207	-9
Russ Cochran	72-72-64-208	-8
Scott Simpson	68-72-68-208	-8
Dan Forsman	66-71-71-208	-8
Bruce Vaughan	68-70-71-209	-7
Robin Freeman	70-68-71-209	-7
Brad Bryant	68-71-71-210	-6
Tom Lehman	68-70-72-210	-6
ay Haas	70-70-71-211	-5
teve Haskins	73-70-69-212	-4
Eduardo Romero	73-70-70-213	-3
Mark Wiebe	70-71-72-213	-3
Loren Roberts	68-71-74-213	-3
Bob Tway	70-69-74-213	-3
Keith Fergus	73-72-69-214	-2
Jeff Sluman	69-74-71-214	-2
Tim Simpson	70-72-72-214	-2
John Cook	73-69-72-214	-2
Jim Thorpe	71-69-74-214	-2
Olin Browne	72-75-68-215	-1
a Bryson Norton	73-73-69-215	-1
Hale Irwin	78-67-70-215	-1
David Eger	71-70-74-215	-1
R W Eaks	72-69-74-215	-1
Mike Goodes	70-70-75-215	-1
Tom Jenkins	73-73-70-216	E
Ronnie Black	73-73-70-216	E
Andy Bean	67-74-75-216	E
Gene Jones	72-75-70-217	+1
David Edwards	72-74-71-217	+1
Larry Mize	73-73-71-217	+1
John Ross	74-70-73-217	+1
Bernhard Langer	73-71-73-217	+1
Mike Reid	73-71-73-217	+1
Don Pooley	71-71-75-217	+1
Bob Gilder	71-71-75-217	+1
Bruce Fleisher	74-73-71-218	+2
Craig Stadler	75-72-71-218	+2
Mark McNulty	73-73-72-218	+2
Bobby Wadkins	71-75-72-218	+2
Jerry Courville	71-73-74-218	+2
Ian Woosnam	72-72-74-218	+2
gil Morgan	75-69-74-218	+2
John Harris	68-75-75-218	+2
Tom Watson	71-72-75-218	+2
Joe Ozaki	71-71-76-218	+2
Hai Sutton	73-74-72-219	+3
Fulton Allem	70-76-76-219	+3
Graham Banister	72-75-73-220	+4
Dana Quigley	71-75-74-220	+4
Chip Beck	74-71-75-220	+4
Jim Woodward	75-72-74-221	+5
Tsukasa Watanabe	71-74-76-221	+5
Denis Watson	72-72-76-222	+6
Bruce Lutzke	72-72-76-223	+7
Steve Thomas	73-73-78-224	+8
a-Bert Atkinson	72-75-78-225	+9
Kevin Marion	75-72-85-232	+16

## Buick Open

PGA Tour  
Saturday  
At Warwick Hills G&CC  
Grand Blanc, Mich.  
Purse: \$5.1 million  
Yardage: 7,127; Par 72  
Third Round

Tiger Woods	71-63-65-199	-17
Michael Letzig	67-65-68-200	-16
John Senden	64-66-71-201	-15
Matt Bettencourt	70-67-65-202	-14
Vaughn Taylor	65-68-69-202	-14
Charles Warren	70-65-68-203	-13
Greg Chalmers	66-68-69-203	-13
Jimmy Walker	70-64-69-203	-13
Scott Piercy	70-70-64-204	-12
Woody Austin	68-71-65-204	-12
Ben Crane	68-71-65-204	-12
Bob Heintz	70-68-66-204	-12
Marc Leishman	67-69-68-204	-12
Bill Lunde	68-65-71-204	-12
Bill Haas	68-68-69-205	-11
Billy Mayfair	68-68-69-205	-11
Jeff Klauk	66-70-69-205	-11
Y.E. Yang	65-69-71-205	-11
Brett Quigley	71-69-66-206	-10
John Rollins	68-71-67-206	-10
J.P. Hayes	68-71-67-206	-10
Matt Harmon	68-68-70-206	-10
Rory Sabbatini	67-69-70-206	-10
Tim Petrovic	69-67-70-206	-10
James Nitties	65-70-71-206	-10
Jeff Olson	68-67-71-206	-10
Mark Brooks	69-66-72-207	-9
Kevin Stadler	67-67-72-207	-9
David Duval	69-71-67-207	-9
Brian Vranesh	65-75-67-207	-9
Brian Gay	71-69-67-207	-9
Chad Campbell	68-71-68-207	-9
Jim Furyk	69-69-69-207	-9
Tim Herron	67-70-70-207	-9
Greg Owen	68-69-70-207	-9
Neal Lancaster	67-70-70-207	-9
Matt Jones	68-68-71-207	-9
Paul Goydos	66-70-71-207	-9
Tom Pernice, Jr.	67-69-71-207	-9
Troy Matteson	66-69-72-207	-9
Roland Thatcher	70-64-73-207	-9
Mark Hensby	68-72-68-208	-8
Jason Day	74-66-68-208	-8
Justin Leonard	72-67-69-208	-8
Kevin Na	69-69-70-208	-8
Charlief Wi	68-70-70-208	-8
Chris Stroud	67-71-71-209	-7
Kris Blanks	69-68-72-209	-7
Heath Slocum	70-70-70-210	-6
Tom Byrum	67-73-70-210	-6
Jonathan Byrd	69-71-70-210	-6
Nathan Green	69-70-71-210	-6
Jason Gore	70-69-71-210	-6
Corey Pavin	66-73-71-210	-6
Jason Bohn	68-70-72-210	-6
Jonathan Kaye	70-67-73-210	-6
Stuart Appleby	68-67-74-210	-6
Bob Estes	69-70-71-211	-5
Darrin Stiles	68-71-72-211	-5
Kent Jones	70-69-72-211	-5
Steve Lowery	63-75-73-211	-5
Mark Calcavecchia	69-69-73-211	-5
Aron Price	69-68-74-211	-5
Jeff Quinney	69-67-75-211	-5
Michael Bradley	70-65-76-211	-5



PETER MORRISON/AP

Scotland's Catriona Matthew celebrates Sunday after winning the Women's British Open.

## Women's British Open

Sunday  
At Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club  
Lytham St. Annes, England  
Purse: \$2.2 million  
Yardage: 6,492; Par: 72  
Final

C. Matthew, \$335,000	74-67-71-73-285	-3
Karrie Webb, \$210,000	77-71-72-68-288	E
Hee-Won Han, \$109,500	77-73-69-70-289	+1
P. Creamer, \$109,500	74-74-70-71-289	+1
Ai Miyazato, \$109,500	75-71-70-73-289	+1
Christina Kim, \$109,500	73-71-71-74-289	+1
K. McPherson, \$74,000	74-74-72-70-290	+2
Cristie Kerr, \$61,000	76-71-75-69-291	+3
Na Yeon Choi, \$61,000	80-71-70-70-291	+3
Jiyai Shin, \$61,000	77-71-68-75-291	+3
Michelle Wie, \$40,750	73-76-74-69-292	+4
Maria Hjorth, \$40,750	72-76-73-71-292	+4
H. Young Park, \$40,750	71-75-73-73-292	+4
Giulia Sergas, \$40,750	74-67-68-73-292	+4
Mika Miyazato, \$40,750	76-72-69-75-292	+4
Song-Hee Kim, \$40,750	70-73-74-75-292	+4
M. Redman, \$30,000	75-75-73-70-293	+5
Jane Park, \$30,000	74-72-72-75-293	+5
Kyeong Bae, \$30,000	73-71-74-75-293	+5
Yani Tseng, \$25,500	74-70-78-72-294	+6
In-Kyung Kim, \$25,500	81-70-73-73-294	+6
Se Ri Pak, \$25,500	76-71-73-74-294	+6
A. Stanford, \$25,500	70-76-74-74-294	+6
Imbee Park, \$23,000	76-72-72-74-298	+10
Katie Futch, \$18,300	75-77-70-76-298	+10
Sun Young Yoo, \$15,000	79-73-75-72-299	+11
S. Gustafson, \$15,000	74-71-82-72-299	+11
Sandra Gal, \$15,000	69-80-75-75-299	+11
Yuri Fudoh, \$15,000	80-73-70-76-299	+11
Becky Morgan, \$15,000	80-71-72-76-299	+11
Brittany Lang, \$15,000	81-70-71-77-299	+11
Yuko Mitsuoka, \$15,000	71-71-79-78-299	+11
Katherine Hull, \$12,750	75-77-77-71-300	+12
A.H. Williams, \$12,750	76-76-73-75-300	+12
M. Pressel, \$11,250	77-72-76-76-301	+13
Meena Lee, \$11,250	74-74-76-77-301	+13
Martina Eberl, \$11,250	75-75-72-79-301	+13
M. Skarpnord, \$11,250	76-69-76-80-301	+13
Carmen Alonso, \$9,000	75-77-77-73-302	+14
Laura Davies, \$9,000	79-74-75-74-302	+14
U. Wikstrom, \$9,000	74-79-75-74-302	+14
Il Mi Chung, \$9,000	76-76-75-75-302	+14
M.J. Hur, \$8,000	76-73-74-78-302	+14
Anna Nordqvist, \$6,750	78-75-75-75-303	+15
Irene Cho, \$6,750	77-73-77-76-303	+15
Sarah Lee, \$6,750	75-77-70-81-303	+15
Samantha Head, \$6,750	74-76-72-81-303	+15
Jun Young Pak, \$5,375	80-73-74-77-304	+16
Momoko Ueda, \$5,375	74-76-77-304	+16
Junjung Yi, \$4,875	78-75-73-79-305	+17
Christel Boeljon, \$4,875	79-73-74-79-305	+17
Louise Stahle, \$4,200	77-76-76-77-306	+18
A.L. Caudal, \$4,200	75-78-75-78-306	+18
E. Zackrisson, \$4,200	75-77-76-78-306	+18
Young Kim, \$4,200	78-71-77-80-306	+18
Reilly Rankin, \$3,600	77-76-76-80-307	+19
Lee-Anne Pace, \$3,600	75-77-75-80-307	+19
Kris Tamulis, \$3,300	78-75-82-73-308	+20
Vicki Laing, \$1,700	73-80-77-79-309	+21
Shanshan Feng, \$1,700	80-72-77-81-310	+22
S. Prmmmsudi, \$1,700	75-75-79-81-310	+22
Laura Diaz, \$1,700	76-76-76-82-312	+22
Karin Sjodin, \$1,700	75-74-79-81-312	+22
Eun-Hee Ji	76-74-81-00	

## Moravia Silesia Open

PGA European Tour  
Sunday  
At Prosper Golf Resort (Old Course)  
Celadna, Czech Republic  
Purse: \$2.8 million  
Yardage: 7,155; Par: 72  
Final

O. Henningsson, Sweden	70-71-67-67-275	
Sam Little, England	70-67-70-70-277	
Steve Webster, Sweden	66-70-69-72-277	
Mark Carey, Zimbabwe	71-71-70-66-278	
Ignacio Garrido, Spain	67-70-69-72-278	
Graeme Storer, England	68-68-70-72-278	
Jose Manuel Lara, Spain	68-70-73-68-279	
G. Maybin, Northern Ireland	73-66-68-72-279	
R.J. Derksen, Netherlands	67-70-71-72-280	
Tano Goya, Argentina	65-75-70-70-280	
John Bickerton, England	66-71-72-73-282	
David Drysdale, Scotland	72-72-67-72-282	
Callum Macaulay, Scotland	68-72-71-71-282	
Patrik Sjodahl, Sweden	69-71-73-69-282	
Lee Slattery, England	71-72-70-69-282	
Santiago Luna, Spain	70-69-72-72-283	
Markus Brier, Austria	70-73-68-73-284	
Simon Dyson, England	76-66-69-73-284	
Mark Foster, England	71-71-70-71-284	
M. Angel Jimenez, Spain	71-71-69-73-284	
Fabrizio Zanotti, Paraguay	68-71-71-74-284	

## Golf roundup

## Woods manages 65, forges one-stroke lead over Letzig

The Associated Press

GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Tiger Woods drove on adjacent fairways twice on the back nine, hit a cup of beer in a spectator's hand, got rattled by a bug and was relegated to shaping some shots around trees and under branches.

He still managed to shoot a 7-under 65 on Saturday in the third round of the Buick Open, giving him a 17-under 199 total and a one-stroke lead when Michael Letzig (68) double bogeyed the last hole.

"The whole idea of the game is put the ball in the hole, and I did that," Woods said. "But as far as controlling my ball, I didn't do that."

Woods opened his first tournament since missing the cut at the British Open with a 71 after what he said was probably his worst putting day.

When he was eight shots behind first-round leader Steve Lowery, Woods said he couldn't make up ground in one day at Warwick Hills.

It took him two. Woods roared back into contention with a 9-under 63 in the second round and took the lead with his 65 Saturday.

"Eight back, at a U.S. Open, you can make that up in one round," he said. "You can't make it up around here."

He moved into a tie for the lead with Letzig at 17 under with a 33-foot birdie putt at No. 17.

Woods pumped his fist, shouted "Yeah!" and the traditionally



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Tiger Woods hits from the sand on the sixth hole Saturday during the third round of the Buick Open in Grand Blanc, Mich.

rowdy gallery roared so loud he couldn't communicate with caddy Steve Williams.

"It was pretty exciting," said Woods, making his ninth Buick Open appearance. "The people here have been absolutely incredible, so supportive of this event over the years. That's one of the reasons why we love coming here."

If Woods wins Sunday, it would be his third Buick Open title and 69th on the PGA Tour.

**U.S. Senior Open:** At Armel, Ind., Fred Funk shot a 4-under 68 to take a one-stroke lead over Greg Norman and Joey Sindelar into the final round of the U.S. Senior Open.

## MLS roundup

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Brian Ching scored twice in the first half and the Houston Dynamo held on for a 4-3 victory over D.C. United on Saturday night.

Houston (10-5-5) extended its lead in the Western Conference to six points over second-place Seattle.

The game was scoreless before the Dynamo scored three goals in a three-minute span in the first half, with Brad Davis scoring in the 36th minute shortly before Ching scored twice a minute apart.

Houston held a 4-1 lead in the second half but Luciano Emilio's second goal of the game pulled United (6-4-10) within one in the 87th minute.

**Revolution 1, Toronto FC 1:** At Foxborough, Mass., Edgaras Jankauskas scored his first goal of the season in the 76th minute to give New England a draw with Toronto FC.

Dwayne DeRosario scored his

eighth goal of the season in the 34th minute to give Toronto (7-7-6) the lead in a match played before a crowd of 12,014 at Gillette Stadium.

New England (6-5-6) extended its unbeaten streak to four (2-0-2).

**FC Dallas 6, Wizards 0:** At Frisco, Texas, Jeff Cunningham had a career-high four goals to move into third place on the league's all-time list and David Ferreira scored twice to lead FC Dallas.

Goalkeeper Dario Sala returned to the lineup for FC Dallas (5-9-5) after missing 12 games with a knee injury and needed to make just one save for the shut-out, an acrobatic diving stop on the Wizards' Davy Arnaud in the 48th minute.

**Kansas City (5-7-7)** dropped to 0-2-2 in its past four matches, scoring one goal in that span.

**Fire 1, Real Salt Lake 0:** At Bridgeview, Ill., Patrick Nyarko scored in the 76th minute to help

Funk had a 13-under 203 total on the Crooked Stick course. Norman also had a 68, and Sindelar shot a 70. Tennessee amateur Tim Jackson, the overnight leader, was three shots back at 10-under after a 73.

Mark O'Meara (68) was 9 under, and Russ Cochran had a course-record 64 to join Scott Simpson (68) and Dan Forsman (71) at 8 under.

**Women's British Open:** At Lytham St. Annes, England, Catriona Matthew won the Women's British Open by three strokes on Sunday, earning her first major title just 10 weeks after she gave birth to her second child.

The 39-year-old Scot birdied three straight holes on the back nine of a 1-over 71 that left her at 3-under 285. Karrie Webb of Australia closed with a 68 to finish second.

Paula Creamer (71), Hee-Won Han (70), Ai Miyazato (73) and Christina Kim (74) tied for fourth place at 289.

All the main challengers faltered down the stretch.

Defending champion Jiyai Shin never threatened in the final round and a double bogey at the last left her with a 75 and a share of eighth place.

Creamer also dropped two shots on the 18th after driving into a grassy bunker and then sending her third shot past the green and up against the clubhouse.

Americans Cristie Kerr and Michelle Wie both shot 69. Kerr shared eighth place, while Wie tied for 11th.

## Ching helps Dynamo hold off United

Chicago extended its unbeaten streak to five games.

Nyarko got his fourth goal of the season on a header that caromed off the left post, and he freed himself from the defense long enough to get on the end of a cross from Tim Ward.



## World swimming championships

## Phelps closes show with fifth gold

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
The Associated Press

ROME — Michael Phelps and the U.S. 400-meter medley relay team closed the fastest meet in swimming history with an appropriate finish Sunday night — the 43rd world record.

Phelps earned his fifth gold medal in a world championships that showed he's still got plenty of motivation, even after winning a record eight times in the Beijing Olympics.

Swimming the butterfly leg, Phelps helped the United States pull away from Germany and Australia to win in 3 minutes, 27.28 seconds. That easily broke the mark of 3:29.34 set by the Americans at Beijing.

"That relay brings out the best in me," Phelps said. "That's sort of what competing does. It doesn't matter how much energy I have, it's all going to go into every race. That's one of the things that I enjoy most — stepping out onto the blocks no matter what kind of shape I'm in."

Phelps, who took six months off after his Beijing triumphs and received a three-month suspension after that infamous marijuana pipe photo came out, was selected the most outstanding male swimmer of the championships. Italy's Federica Pellegrini received the female award.

"I have more things I want to do," Phelps said. "That's why I wanted to come back. I don't care if anyone says it was a bad idea or not, it's something that I wanted and that's why I'm doing it."

His coach, Bob Bowman, said Phelps will get all of two weeks off before he's back in the pool.

On to London in 2012. "I've got



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**U.S. teammates, from left, Aaron Peirsol, Eric Shanteau and Michael Phelps are brothers in arms after David Walters swims the anchor leg to win the gold medal in the 400-meter medley relay Sunday.**

to be in better shape," Phelps said. "That's the biggest thing. I've got to get my body back in better shape. I think without taking six months off, that will do it."

Eric Shanteau, who overcame testicular cancer to swim his best times, picked up the first major gold medal of his career on the breaststroke leg of the relay, to go along with a silver and bronze in Rome. The other members of the winning team were backstroke Aaron Peirsol and David Walters, swimming the freestyle anchor.

Shanteau was thrilled to finally step on the top rung of the podium, especially after what he went through last summer, learning before the U.S. Olympic trials that he had cancer. He put off treatment until after the Games,

had surgery when he got home and has been cancer-free since.

"What a great way to end it," said Shanteau, who had missed an individual gold by one-hundredth of a second in the 200 breaststroke. "To finally get it, that gold medal, was an unbelievable feeling."

Also Sunday, Ryan Lochte won his fourth gold of the championships and Germany's Britta Steffen matched her 50-100 freestyle sweep in Beijing.

No such glory for American Dara Torres, 42. The senior citizen of the pool finished last in her only individual final.

Taking advantage of Phelps' absence, Lochte added the 400 individual medley title to his medal haul in the championships. Lochte

also won the 200 IM along with two relay golds, in addition to taking bronze in the 200 backstroke.

Lochte was far off Phelps' world record in the 400 IM, touching first in 4:07.01. Phelps won gold at Beijing in 4:03.84, but decided to scale back his program heading into what will be his final Olympics.

The Americans went 1-2 even without Phelps. Tyler Clary came on strong in the freestyle to beat Hungary's Laszlo Cseh, taking silver in 4:07.31. Cseh settled for bronze at 4:07.37.

Steffen was awesome. She set her third world record of the meet in winning the 50 free in 23.73.

The German repeated her Olympic feat in a blistering race, beating the mark of 23.96 held

by Marleen Veldhuis of the Netherlands since April. Sweden's Therese Alshammar went under the old record as well, settling for silver (23.88). Australian teenager Cate Campbell got bronze.

Torres failed to match her silver-medal showing from the Olympics, in which she finished just one-hundredth of a second behind Steffen. Bothered by a sore knee that will require surgery, she was eighth in 24.48.

But she's not retiring, saying she plans to return to the pool in December. She hasn't ruled out anything, not even trying to swim in the next Olympics at 45.

Tunisia's Ous Mellouli matched his Olympic gold by winning again in the 1,500 free, the longest event in the pool. After a battle over the first 1,000 meters with Canada's Ryan Cochrane, Mellouli steadily pulled away to win in 14:37.28, though short of Grant Hackett's 8-year-old world record of 14:34.56.

A pair of world records fell in non-Olympic events.

Liam Tancock broke his own world record to win the 50 backstroke. The British swimmer touched in 24.04, eclipsing the mark of 24.08 he set the previous day in the semifinals. Japan's Junya Koga claimed silver and South Africa's Gerhard Zandberg earned bronze.

Russia's Yuliya Efimova set a world record while edging American Rebecca Soni in the 50 breaststroke. Efimova won in 30.09, breaking the record of 30.23 set by Canada's Amanda Reason less than a month ago. The next two also went under the old mark, with Soni (30.11) taking silver and Australia's Sarah Katsoulis (30.16) the bronze.

## NFL briefs

## Patriots owner: We have Brady, so we'll pass on Vick

The Associated Press

And the New England Patriots to the list of teams that aren't interested in Michael Vick.

Owner Robert Kraft said his team doesn't need Vick because the Patriots have the best quarterback in Tom Brady.

On Saturday, the Cleveland Browns said they were passing on Vick.

On Thursday, the day Vick said he was close to signing with a team, the Tennessee Titans, Chicago Bears and Oakland Raiders joined the list of teams that have said thanks but no thanks to the three-time Pro Bowler.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick praised Vick's ability last week when the QB was reinstated by the NFL after serving 18 months in prison.

But that's as far as he was willing to go.

## Texans sign top pick Cushing

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans signed first-round pick Brian Cushing on Sunday.

The linebacker was the 15th overall pick in the draft.

The 6-foot-3, 262-pound Cushing was a

four-year starter at Southern California and led the nation's second-ranked defense with 10.5 tackles for loss in 2008.

## Vikings QB Jackson injures knee

MANKATO, Minn. — Minnesota Vikings quarterback Tarvaris Jackson sprained the MCL in his left knee on Saturday, but avoided serious injury, a person with knowledge of his condition told The Associated Press.

The person requested anonymity because the team did not make an official announcement.

Coach Brad Childress declined to divulge specifics but said Jackson would be OK.

During a morning practice, defensive tackle Letroy Guion got tangled up with offensive linemen and fell to the ground just as Jackson was stepping up in the pocket. The 303-pound tackle rolled up on Jackson's leg.

Jackson received attention at a tent on the side of the field before heading to the locker room.

He had an MRI, which revealed the most mild form of a sprain.

Jackson is in a competition with Sage Rosenfels to be the starting quarterback after Brett Favre decided not to come out of retirement and join the Vikings.

On Sunday, the Vikings agreed to terms with first-round draft pick Percy Harvin on a five-year deal.

Harvin, a receiver out of Florida, missed the first two days of training camp while his agent negotiated a contract. Terms were not disclosed.

## Broncos' Bailey back at practice

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Champ Bailey returned to the practice field and coach Josh McDaniels' good graces Saturday after failing his conditioning test 48 hours earlier.

The perennial Pro Bowl cornerback said at first he was angry with the Denver Broncos' new head coach but came to realize McDaniels made the right move in holding him out of Friday's two practices.

Bailey was banished to the weight room during Friday's practices, and Bailey said it was difficult to accept such a punishment.

Bailey sat out much of last season, missing seven games because of a torn groin

and then undergoing elbow surgery in the offseason after having his streak of eight Pro Bowl selections in a row end.

Although Bailey was eager to return, Jarvis Moss, the Broncos' top draft pick in 2007, left camp Saturday amid TV reports he's contemplating retirement.

Moss signed a nearly \$15 million, five-year contract as the 17th overall pick out of Florida in 2007, but he recorded just 3½ sacks in two NFL seasons.

## Wells injures ankle in first practice

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Running back Beanie Wells didn't make it through his first practice with the Arizona Cardinals on Saturday.

He sprained his left leg in a collision with Jason Banks and was taken off on a cart.

Wells had been in camp for a few hours when the Cardinals said they had agreed to terms with the Ohio State back, their No. 1 draft pick and the 31st selection overall.

Wells had been waiting in Phoenix for his agent, Todd Frances, to work out details of the five-year contract. The deal is worth \$11.8 million, \$6.3 million guaranteed.



## SPORTS



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# Cards have shuffled priorities

## After unusual splurge, 'we have a great club now'

By R.B. FALLSTROM  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

**I**t appears the St. Louis Cardinals are finally willing to pay the price for victory.

Since late June, the franchise has been on an out-of-character splurge. Marquee pickup Matt Holliday is the third recent lineup addition, joining Mark DeRosa and Julio Lugo on a team jockeying for the lead in a weak NL Central.

"We're never done shopping, but we feel like we have a great club now," team chairman Bill DeWitt said before the trade deadline.

It's an embarrassment of riches for manager Tony La Russa, who had gotten used to squeezing every ounce of production out of his rosters in recent seasons.

Los Angeles Dodgers manager Joe Torre joked that La Russa no longer has need for such innovations as batting his pitcher eighth, a ploy that gave him a second lead-off-type hitter the second time around to pack the bases for Albert Pujols. Or constantly fiddling with the lineup card, using 91 combinations in the first 104 games.

La Russa says simply: "I don't think we give up a talent edge to anybody."

There's a lot more bounce in everyone's step these days, a natural spring that comes with the sense the franchise is doing everything it can to win. Everyone is aboard, even those in a fight to get on the lineup card.

"No reason to resent not playing," infielder Brendan Ryan said. "This is a fun ballclub to be a part of and hopefully we've got a chance to do something special."

It's a huge switch from the previous two seasons, when the Cardinals failed to follow up on their 2006 World Series championship while jettisoning aging talent and allowing injuries to drag them down.

Last year at this time, St. Louis didn't actively pursue trades. Instead, the Cardinals relied on activating off-injured pitchers Chris Carpenter and Mark Mulder from the disabled list. Together, the pair worked 17 innings as the Cardinals slowly sank to fourth place.

There were no major moves in 2007, either, to rescue a team dragged down by injuries to Carpenter, Jim Edmonds, David Eckstein and Scott Rolen.

"I think the right opportunity wasn't there," DeWitt said, speaking generally about the recent past. "Or the asking price was too great."

This year, it felt right to take the plunge. The only real hole they had to fill was at third base, with DeRosa taking over for Troy Glaus, still rehabbing from shoulder surgery in January.

The big-deal drought is over, DeWitt said, because the price was finally right.



TOM GANNAM/AP

**St. Louis fans make Matt Holliday feel welcome. The Cardinals are hoping the slugger will stay beyond this season.**



TOM GANNAM/AP

**New Cardinal Mark DeRosa, second from right, celebrates with teammates, from left, Albert Pujols, Nick Stavinoha and Skip Schumaker after hitting a home run against the Los Angeles Dodgers last week. The Cardinals beat the Dodgers 10-0.**

Again and again and again. DeRosa cost the Cardinals potential future closer Chris Perez. The Cardinals sent struggling outfielder Chris Duncan to Boston for Lugo, who had been outrighted with more than a year left in a big deal.

Three top prospects, including 2008 first-round

pick Brett Wallace, went to Oakland for Holliday, due for free agency after the season. The franchise has put more emphasis on organizational development in recent years, leading to the departure of general manager Walt Jocketty, yet recent actions show they're still more than willing to barter prospects for proven talent.

"We've always been interested in winning now; it's what opportunities are there," DeWitt said. "We felt our offense needed beefing up and when we had an opportunity to get an impact player, a premium player, an All-Star, that doesn't come along every day."

The Cardinals walloped the Dodgers, who were jockeying with the New York Yankees for the majors' best record, by a combined 16-1 in consecutive games last week without a contribution from Pujols. The two-time NL MVP, who leads the majors in homers and RBIs, is suddenly surrounded by talent and no longer forced to carry the offense.

It's a different story for opposing pitchers, DeRosa said. "There's no room to breathe. At any point, we can rattle off two or three runs."

None of the pickups is viewed as a rental, either. The Cardinals have long coveted Holliday as a complement to Pujols, and will pursue a multiyear contract once they've given Holliday a chance to soak in his new surroundings.

That strategy worked in the past with Mark McGwire, Edmonds and Rolen.

"Certainly, we'd love to sign Matt Holliday long term and that'll be our objective," DeWitt said. "When you make a move like this as we did with Rolen, Edmonds, McGwire and others, you hope they'll get in this atmosphere and want to stay here."

More than \$18.5 million will come off the books after this season from the contracts of Glaus and Khalil Greene, sidelined much of the season due to social anxiety disorder. That money could help finance deals for Holliday and DeRosa, and keep the payroll from ballooning too much beyond \$100 million.

The downside: They've got to rebuild the farm system a bit.

Pitchers Clayton Mortensen (Oakland) and Jess Todd (Cleveland) made their major league debuts earlier this year with St. Louis. Director of player development Jeff Luhnow had grown close to all the prospects, but noted, "There comes a time when you've got to separate."

"We're all on board," Luhnow said. "To get a player like Holliday, who's going to say no to that?"

# Relay victory gives Phelps 5th gold in worlds

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